EVENING LEDGER-PHILADELPHIA, TUESDAY, JUNE 1, 1915:

PHILLIES AT CRITICAL STAGE IN PENNANT RACE-BIG GOLF MATCHES HERE ON SATURDAY

PHILLIES' THRASHING IN BOSTON BRINGS TEST OF TEAM'S NERVE

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Either Braves Have Regained 1914 Pace or Moran's Men Have Struck the Skids-Series With Brooklyn Will Tell Tale. Mack Mystifies Fans With His New Baseball Find.

The moral effect of the Braves' four victories out of a five-game series with the Phillies is vital. That the Phillies came back in grand style and won the Inal game, after four successive defeats, is a good sign; but the work of the Braves in this series proves conclusively that either the Phillies are slowing up or the Braves are back in their 1914 form. Judging by the manner in which Boston did its scoring and played in the field during the series, it is likely that the former is the case, because the Phillies looked great in the previous series with the Cubs.

If the Braves have really struck their 1914 stride it behooves the Phillies to start on another winning streak. Another slump such as they suffered during the last three weeks, barring inomentary flashes, will probably prove too much of a handlcap if the Braves are going strong. The Phillies are about to start on their first swing through the West, and a slump on this first trip would not only place the team in the rear, but would have much to do with destroying the confidence which has been so obvious throughout the present season.

. . . . Phillies at Critical Stage of Race

It is certain that the four victories of Stallings' men will convince that team that the Phils are no longer invincible, a conclusion that many of the Braves had drawn after the first two series of the season. Prior to the recent clash the Braves had not beaten Alexander since the middle of 1914, and had come to look upon him as unbeatable. In the future they will have more confidence when facing the Nebraskan.

The past series was, in the opinion of many, the critical point of the year for the Phillies. If the team has the nerve and fighting spirit it will come back in great shape against Brooklyn. If it is inclined to lose heart it will he apparent in the present series. Just now Brooklyn is going better than any team in the league, and this will make the Phillies' road still harder.

With such pitching as the Phillies have had prior to the last series, there should be nothing to fear if the men keep fighting until the breaks come their way. Against the Braves the breaks all went the wrong way, or the result of the series might have been reversed completely.

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Ryan, Result of Mack's Resourcefulness.

Who is the mysterious Ryan, the collegian, who is now playing second base for the Athletics? Four collegians stood out prominently in looking for the solution to the mystery of Ryan's identity, but three of these, Carroll, of Fordhal: Wait, of Columbia, and Goodrich, of Amherst, all played with their teams yesterday. Carroll played with Fordham against Holy Cross; Goodrich with Amherst against Williams, and Watt with Columbia against the Chinese University team.

Chinese University team. Mack has a habit of digging up stars from small colleges, and he invariably gets men who have not been touted highly during their collegiate careers, but there is a possibility that it is Gilhooly, of Trinity, if the report that he has already signed with the Cardinals is incorrect. Mack says that he does not like to keep the public in the dark in this manner, and will announce the name of the to keep the public in the dark in this manner. his youthful find as soon as possible, which, doubtless, means at the close of the present collegiate season. Ryan is due to disappear again in a few days until after the middle of June.

. . . Youngster Well Seasoned for a Collegian.

If Ryan is a collegian, he is farther advanced than most of the collegians who have broken in here in many years. There were a few plays in which Ryan was rather crude, but the manner in which he puts the ball on the runner and his handling of a relayed throw on an attempted double steal were far above the collegiate standard.

All in all, the exhibitions given by Ryan were high class in every way. He appeared to be a triffe weak on curve balls, but that is only natural when one considers the difference in the pitching he faced and what he has been used to batting against. Speed seems to be easy for him, and during the day he hit three fast balls with a healthy wallop.

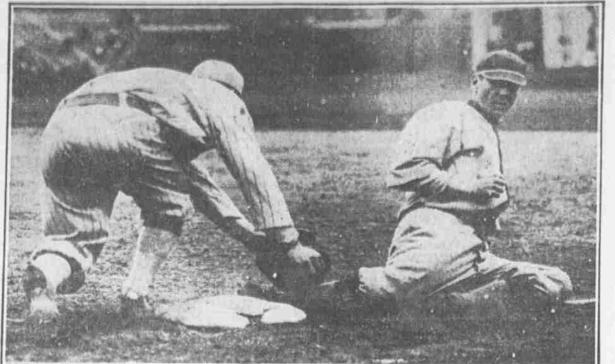
Some fans and rival managers are sure to raise the cry about Mack's luck if this youngster proves to be another remarkable pick-up, but it is something more than luck. When Conine broke up his famous machine, he made the remark that he had built that one club up from the ground and could do it again. The general opinion was that he was overestimating his own ability, but the manner in which he quickly left town and came back with a lad who seems to need only little further experience to make a high-class ball player causes one to marvel at this faculty of the master manager.

. . . Mack Promises Young Collegians.

Before the team departed for the West on the last trip, Manager Mack left the team in charge of Harry Davis and slipped off. in company with Ira Thomas, to look over several collegians. He remarked the day before the team left for Cleveland that he had seen several youngsters who interested him very much, and that a few of them would be seen at Shibe Park this season.

The fans expected to see some very promising-looking youngsters, but, ight they would be of the Collins-Barry-McInnis type, that would thou

MILAN SLIDING BACK TO FIRST BASE



Above the Washington centrefielder is shown getting to the initial sacs ____ murry. Lapp is putting the ball on Milan, but he was a moment too late.

BASEBALLBINGLE AND BUNGLE MAJORS THIS WEEK

ham and the appointment of Lee Fochl as manager. Just now the team of youngsters is heading the second division, while Washington, a much-touted club, is in

ut of four for Donovan must make Grif-

morning game in St. Louis ne held the Cardinals to three hits and the Reds won easily. Dale is not a youngster, as is generally supposed, but has been plich-ing for Montreal, of the International League, for six years and is generally be-

Neved to be past the 20-year mark. The veteran Nap Rucker showed one of the flashes that may be expected of him at times this season and defeated the Glants before a big crowd in New York yesterday. Leon Cadore was tried in the morning and though he pitched well at times, was beaten.

Harry Davis had his head about him when he objected to umpire Chill going down into right field to see the spot where Hooper claimed Jim Walsh's drive had struck. Had Chill gone down there it is likely#that he would have reversed his decision as the ball was apparently foul about six inches. Davis argued that the mark in foul ground may have been made before the game and Chill agreed with him. Young Ryan played the intercepted

throw on an attempted double steal very much in the manner that Eddle Collins handles this play, and the Red Sox were maxed at the way he nipped Lewis at the plate.

Critics are poking fun at Cleveland, | Oldring's shoulder not been so sore that but the Indians are going along at a merry clip since the reigase of Birming-harm and the employment of I are Forch two weeks or he most likely would have nafied Hoblitzel at the plate as the throw was short. Fans in the left-field bleachers say that

Duffy Lewis did not catch Oldring's I drive, but that he had trapped it. It was a great try anyway, and he deserved to get away with it, though it is tough for Oldring to lose a base hit if the contention of the fans is correct It was one of those rare occasions when the spectator was closer to the play than the umpire, and the bleacherites made the most of it.

ARMSTRONG, OF PENN, UNDERGOES OPERATION

Right Fielder of Quakers' Baseball Nine Goes Under Knife for Appendicitis.

Right Fielder Charles Armstrong, of the University of Pennsylvania, was operated upon at the University Hospital this afternoon for appendicitis. Armstrong has been complaining for some time, and an operation was determined expedient.

The whole complexion of the second athletes, for between examinations and game might have been changed had Rube | sickness the team has been rended.

SEMIFINALS IN SUBURBAN GOLF MATCHES ON SATURDAY

St. David's to Play Woodbury-Annual Open Tournament at Shawnee-on-Delaware, June 9 and 10-Women's Tourney at Seaview, June 14, 15 and 16.

yesterday. In the morning Sands spread-eagled the field with the very fine score of 74, and it was rather fortunate for him

Webster, Jr., H. W. Perrin and S. E. Sharwood. This was the first tournament that Sands has won in Philadelphie, and

he thoroughly deserved his success, Second to Sands came Maurice Risley,

of Atlantic City, with 163, 83 in the morn-ing and 80 in the afternoon. Risley would have pushed Sands much closer but for

the fact that for once his putting was weak, G. C. Thomas and C. B. Buxton tied for third place with 164 aplece, and

the local champion, H. H. Francine, came

Women Wrestlers at Gayety

Madame Eva Howard, weighing 240 pounds, feleated Miss Frances Crocket, of Canada, weighing 210 pounds, two out of three faile in a catch-us-catch-can wreating match at the Garcy Theatre last night.

Georgetown Wins Catholic Title

NEW YORK, June 1.-Georgetown nomed out Pordham in a thrilling ten-inning game on Fordham Field yestierday and thereby annexed the Catholic College baseball championship,

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BASEBALL TODAY

SHIBE PARK

The semifinal rounds for the Suburban | for a post drive, but a missed putt is Golf Cup will be played on Saturday. St. gone forever. By the same token, three David's, winner of Division A, will play Woodbury at home and away, and Merstrokes in a bunker are worth no mora than three putts on a green, chantville, winner in Division B, will op-pose Old York Road at Merchantville and "Two players in a stroke competition were using the same make of ball, and after one of them had played a streke

terrent prover monthly with a

The next important golf event in this section is the annual open tournament at Shawnee-on-Delaware, for the Shawnee Shawnee-on-Delaware, for the Shawnee Shield and attendant prizes in coln. The dates for this event are June 9 and 10, and have been wisely selected. As the national open takes place at Balturrol the following week, it means that Shawnee's tournament will be a sort of curtain raiser to the United States Golf Asso-clation's premier event.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

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Costello Beats Jack Farrell

Tyrone Contello defeated Jack Parrell in the windup at the Quaker City A. C. last night. Bobby Scanlon beat Young Palmer in the seni-wind-up. Kit West Yeat Johnny MrAvoy, Joe Tudor beat Joe Bradley and Sammy Miller made Willie Lewis guit.

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Invitations for the women's golf tour-Invitations for the women's goil cour-nument at Seaview have been sent out, and the dates announced are June 14, 15 and 16. The usual 18-hole qualifying found will take place on the first day, and four sixteens have been provided for, Two match-play rounds will be held on June 15, and two on June 16, something of an innovation in a women's tourna-ment. As a rule the ladies play but one round a day, and their events last five

next with 166. for how score in the qualifying round, for the winner and runner-up of each sixteen, and for the winners of the de-feated eights. Entries should be sent to Mrs. Ronald H. Barlow, Bryn Mawr, Pa. Prizes are offered by Clarence H. Geist The best score of the afternoon was made by M. P. Jones, of Frankford. In the morning he was all at sea, but in the afternoon he played remarkable golf and took only 35 strokes on each round of nine holes. Sun. Mon. Total

George C. Thomas, Jr., recently set the amateur record for the reconstructed course of the Philadelphia Cricket Club at 75 strokes. Thomas made this score in a four-ball match with Alec Duncan for a partner, and not one of the holes was approximated. Several days previous to aking this round he had undergone eve pair of those nice, round goggles. Apropos of record scores, note may be

bury course.

Athletics vs. Washington GAME CALLED AT 3:45 P. M. A good second shot will often make up



sixth place. The two victories of the Highlahders over Washington was a great blow to Griffith's hopes, Griff recently remarked that the Highlanders are skidding and would prove easy for the Senators. Three

to win nine out of 10 starts. Gene Dale, of the Reds. continues te hold opposing teams helpless. In the morning game in St. Louis he held the

Armstrong's misfortune leaves the Pennsylvania nine in a weakened condi-tion, for, in addition to being out of the game himself at Columbia tomorrow, Spielman and Wallace, pitchers, will also be unable to make the trip because they are busy with their examinations. This

leaves the pitching duty up to Wisner. Coach Roy Thomas stated this after-noon that he would probably use Murdock In rightfield in place of Armstrong. In view of the fact that Penn faces Yale Saturday, these handlcaps have some-what dampened the ardor of the Quaker

need a season or two on the bench. Ryan may show some glaring weaknesses that may necessitate a stay on the bench, and Mack can hardly hope to discover another Collins, McInnis or Barry, of all-around ability, but it is certain that this young mar, looked better than any of the trio in their first appearances.

1.11.11 When One Decision Turned Tide of Victory,

'Snough beaten twice by the Red Sox, the Athletics really looked encouraging, and both games yesterday were interesting from a spectator's standpoint. The second was thrilling until the fatal miscue by Kopf, which paved the way for a seven-run rally that won for the Red Sox. Manager Mack is usually very much opposed to criticising the umpires, but he said, after the game, that Hoblitzel was out at third by two feet on McAvoy's throw to Kopf early in the inning. Had the play been called that way there would have been no scoring. It is true that neither Chill nor Connolly, the umpires, made any attempt to move toward third, where they would have been in better position to see the play.

Kopf fumbled Hoblitzel's grounder, to start the inning, and Scott followed with a single and Gardiner tried to sacrifice. It was on this play that Mack says Connolly erred. The bases were full, with no one out. Thomas fanned and Hendricksen, batting in place of Mays, flied to Oldring, Hoblitzel scoring after the catch. The side, therefore, would have been retired on Hendricksen's fly had Kopf fielded Hoblitzel's grounder, or had the decision at third been given as almost every one in the stands thought it should. After this, Shawkey cracked and the Red Sox pounded the ball all over the field.

. . . Ray Collins' Work Saves Him His Job

The brilliant work of Ray Collins in the three innings he faced the Athletics yesterday afternoon has probably saved that former star his job. Prior to yesterday Collins had shown nothing this season, and, though drawing a salary of \$7500 a year on a three-year contract, he had failed to win a single game. For five years Collins has been one of the mainstays of the Red Sox pitching staff, and Manager Carrigan attributes the poor showing of the team so far to the failure of Collins to show his old-time form.

President Lannin, of the Boston Club, insisted upon Carrigan asking for waivers on Collins unless he showed a return to form, and a well-founded nimer has it that the waivers already have been asked, but will now be withdrawn, as Collins showed much of his old speed and had a beautiful curve ball. In the American League a manager can still withdraw walvers if he changes his mind before the expiration of the 18-day period, while in the National League there is a new rule that watvers, once asked, cannot ba withdrawn. If this rule were in effect in the American League Collins would be a member of another club or would be unconditionally released

Collins first attracted attention as a collegian. Pitching for Vermont Universily, Ray performed some wonderful feats for three years, and almost every club in both leagues in the East and a few of the West tried to get him, but the Red Sox finally landed him. Collins was a star from the outset, and was one of the players who named his own figure when organized ball started signing its players to long-term contracts.

As a fairly high-priced man, Collins was also a star, and late last season performed the now almost unheard of stunt of twirling a double-header and winning both games. With a new contract, Collins has apparently made little strong to work, until the last week, when Manager Carrigan informed him hal he had to show something or he would be released.

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