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PHILS ON BRINK OF SECOND DIVISION-MACK STARTS PITCHERS' ELIMINATION 'PROCES

TOTTERING PHILS JUST FOUR **GAMES AHEAD OF TAILENDERS**

Fearful Blows Dealt By Boston and Brooklyn-From Top to Bottom in Ten Days Unless Brace Is Taken-Connie Mack Applies Test to His Pitchers.

The uncertainty of baseball was never more clearly illustrated than in the standing of the Phillies today. Three weeks ago the club was far out In front, and apparently due to stay there for quite a time, when the club suddenly became crippled and went into a slump. Today they are tied for second place, but are only four games ahead of the Glants, who are in last place,

Unless the team takes a sudden brace there is only one ending for the Phillies, and that is last place, before they return from the West. The team will not stay there long, as it is due to be back in the fight and right up with the leaders before the end of July, if it keeps fighting; but should they drop into last place, it would be one of the most remarkable drops ever recorded in major league history. Last Friday Moran's team was in first place, and next Tuesday it is possible to be in last place. If there was ever a more uncertain race it cannot be recalled.

. . . Brooklyn the Sensation of League Race

While the consensus of opinion is that there are at least four teams in the National League who have but little chance for the pennant after the teams get settled into their stride, the fact remains that eight teams apparently have an excellent chance. The Phillies are in a triple tie for second place and have lost 15 games, while the four second-division clubs have lost but 20 games.

Brooklyn again trounced the Phillies badly, taking both end of a doubleheader, and outplayed Moran's team at every stage. It is becoming mor apparent every day that Brooklyn will be the sensation of the National League ce, and on paper there is not a team in the league that should bent the Lodgers If their pitchers hold up. With Jack Coombs back in his old-time form, Brooklyn appears to be well fortified in this department. Coombs defeated the Phillies again yesterday, and in a most decisive manner, Moran's men getting but four hits off his delivery, two of which were scratchy.

It was Coombs' third victory over the Phillies, who are apparently helpless when the former local idol is on the mound. Another bright spot to the double victory over the Phillies from a Brooklyn standpoint lies in the showing of Sherrod Smith in the second game. This lad has been highly touted for two years, but could never get started, and it began to appear that he was one of those pitchers who always look great in practice, but never show anything in a game. Perhaps yesterday's victory is all that he needs to start him on a long string of victories. If Smith continues to show form the Dodgers are even better fortified on the mound than was thought.

. . . Athletics' Leader Applies Acid Test to Pitchers

Manager Mack has started an elimination contest with his pitching staff. The sale of Herb Pennock to Boston was the result of this plan. Mack had sent Pannock to the mound often, in order to satisfy himself as to the youngster's worth, and after seeing glaring weaknesses and an inclination to indifference, Mack decided to let him go.

Bressler is the next pitcher to pass through this stage. Mack said today that he intended to work Bressler regularly for the next three weeks and give him every chance to make good. If he does not measure up to the mark, he, too, will be cut adrift.

If Bressler survives the test, Mack expects him to develop rapidly and be as good as any other southpaw in the game before the close of the season. Wildness is, apparently. Bressler's only fault, aside from his lack of experience, and plenty of work has always been a cure for lack of control. Pennock's physique was a great drawback to his chances with the Athletics, who need men who can stand plenty of work with the staff in its present condition. In this respect Bressler is fortunate. He is a wonderfully built youngster and pitches with little exertion. As Mack expresses it, "Bressler will either be a marvel or busher."

Wyckoff, Shawkey, Bush and Bressler will be worked in order from now until the close of the season, according to Mack's present plans, and the former will be worked out of turn when the double-headers start coming thick and fast. Wyckoff needs plenty of work if he is going to master his tendency to wildness, and nothing pleases the Williamsport boy better than to be working every third day. This program undoubtedly has caused the great improvement in Wyckoff's work within the last two weeks. . . .

Davies, With Mack Three Years, Still a Problem

There is one young man on the club who has Mack guessing, and Mack is nank to admit it. That is Davies, who insists that he is a pitcher. When Davies joined the Athletics he was supposed to be a pitcher, but Mack quickly discovered that he could hit the ball and converted him into an outfielder. As an outfielder Davies was a success, and probably would have never had a chance to Field tomorrow afternoon. Captain Everpitch again had it not been for the miserable work of the rest of the staff on the ett Smalley, Hampton, Haslam and Mclast home stand and in the West. Mack finally was forced to send Davies to the mound in Detroit, and he gave a wonderful exhibition for six innings. Then Manager Mack began to think he was a pitcher. But on his next two appear-Manager Mack began to think he was a pitcher. But on his next two appearances on the mound the Amherst boy looked like a joke twirler. Now the Athletics' pilot does not know just whether to consider Davies a pitcher or an outfielder

"That lad is either going to be a great pitcher or a great outfielder and

STAR GOLFERS PLAYING IN TOURNEY AT HAVERFORD



On the right, above, is Mrs. W. H. Johnston, a local golfer. Miss Marion Hollins, of the Westbrook Club, New York, is below, and Miss E. G. Hood is on the left. This trio was entered in the big tourna-ment at the Merion Cricket Club, Haverford.

Bingham, Harvard Track Captain

POINT SCORER; BETTER QUAD MARKS EXPECTED

delphia High, May Give Central High Captain Close Fight for Individual Honors in Big Game

With fine weather conditions and a good track prevailing, new records probably will be established in the sixth annual quadrangular games, final scholar tic competition of the season, at Houston School, are picked to shatter present marks. Followers of the various schools en-

tered in the meet are manifesting much Interest in the probable individual high When point scorer. Central High's constitu-ents believe Smalley will romp off with the laurels, while the boys from across the Schuyikili are pulling for Partridge. Smalley and Partridge are each en-Gold leader will compete in the high and Gold leader will compete in the high and low hurdles, and unless r dark horse is uncovered he should have little trouble in reaching the tape first in each race. Ho has won every hurdle event he has com-peted in here this season. The West Philadelphia star will en-The West Philadelphia star will en-deavor to show his heals to the field in the 100 and 250-yard diashes. Smalley also may participate in these races, and one probably will force the other to make new times. Each is entered in the run-ning broad jump. Both have been show-ing up exceptionally well in this event, and it will be a matter of better form in deciding the winner when the jump number rolls around. High jump and nole yault represents. High jump and pole vault representa-



CAMBRIDGE, Mass. June 3.--R. Norris Villams 2d. national lawn tennis champion, cas re-elected capital of the Harvard College ennis team yesterday. Williams is a junior.



At the Nineteenth Hole golfer stood at the ninetcenth hole, king a drive at the well-known bowl, With never a slice and never a top, But he hit the cup and hever a top, But he hit the cup and he made 'em drop; His approaches ran to the edge of the bar, He was laying 'em up for a perfect par, Gobbling the long ones, left and right, Till he had the record of the course in wight.

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180-MILE CHAMPIONSHIP YACHT RACE PLANNED ; ESSINGTON SAI

Raceabout Contest Scheduled for Saturday—Dozen Boats to Ent First Long Cruise of Season—Enchantress II to Make Voyage to Annapolis Saturday.

The five boats of the raceabout class of the Corinithian Yachi Club, of Essing-ton, will compete in the third of the series of contests Saturday afternoon. The race probably will be over the lower front of the clubhouse. heading down front of the clubhouse. heading down fiver to the buoy anchored of Eddystone. The boats that will be in the contest, will be the Ellanor, owned by A. F. Baneroft, the Grifae, owned by Robert Toland; the Quakereas, owned by Clar-ence Godenaik; the Cynthia, owned by Clar-ence Godenaik; the Cynthia, owned by Clar-owned by George Breed.

Overfalls race last season; William b former commodors of the Columbia Ya Club, Bridesburg, owner of the Cas Joe McClure, of the Riverside Tacht C owner of the Darby Ram; Columes Charles A. Morrell, of the Adelphia Ta Club, owner of the Sue M.; Midge Am a member of the Adelphia Tacki C owner of the Enchantress, former Panther; Commodore Brinsham, ow of the Callph, and a few other eval owners have signified their intention entering this long-distance contest. owned by George Breed. While the fleet of dingheys and race-abouts were not able to compete last Saturday on account of no wind, it is hoped by the Regatta Committee, if the dingheys are ready, to send them off for a trial contest Saturday afternoon. Sev-The Enchantress II, the 74-foot expe-cruiser, which was recently launched Camden and christened by Eithel Bu daughter of Louis Burk, the owner, s daughter of Louis Burk, the owner, s according to announcement, leave he pruise to Annapolis Saturday afterns The Enchantress II will carry s put of 12 aboard for the run to the Nar Academy. Eight os the guests will the below decks, and three, with Mr. Bur who very seldom goes below, will quara above deck. a trial contest Saturday afternoon. Sev-eral of the boats have been put over-board and have been tested after a stiff sall. As soon as the other two new boats, which have been building at a whip plant in Massachusetts, arrive at the club, they will be added to the fleet, of which there will be eight boats, five being new, the series of week-end con-tests will be started.

The cruiser owners affiliated with clubs of the South Jersey Yacht Racing Asso-diation, the Delaware River Yachtsmen League, the Schuylkill Nautical Associa-tion and the Delaware River Yacht Rac-ing Association are interested in the proposed championship race to take place on June 15-19 from the Alpha Boat Club, of Chester, to River Fathom Bank light-

June 18-19 from the Alpha Boat Crite, of Chester, to River Fathom Bank likht-vessel and return, a distance close to 180 miles. More than a dozen boats will compete in this the first big cruising event of the season. Commodore A. B. Cartledge, president of the Delaware River Racht Racing Association and a member of the Key-sione Yacht Club, assures the committee that he will enter the Marguerite II, which finished in her class in the annual Overfalls contest, which is supplanted by the Five Fathom contest. The fact that Commodore Cartledge has installed new engines in his cruiser, which will turn over a higher rate of speed than that of his old power plant, will make the con-test more interesting.

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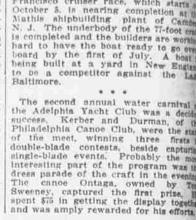
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. . . The Lady Baltimore, being built by syndicate of Baltimore yachtsmen i competition in the New York to Francisco crulser race, which stars

Commodore Dr. Eugene Swayns, of a Flat Rock Motorhoat Club, owner of Eugenia; Joseph Snellenburg, a messi of one of the South Jersey Te clubs, owner of the Mirna, winner of Overfalls race last season; William T former commodore of the Columbia Ya



Had Jerome Travers not nursed the ll hole in his match against James C. Pa rish, Jr., the chances are that the form champion would have been tempted finish out the bye holes. Travers, we the match by a 5 and 4 margin. After winning the 10th in 4. Trave missed his mashle going to the 11th, with the result that the ball fell into the brook. The six there spoiled a go sequence of holes in par figures. The sequence of holes in par figures. The halved the next two holes so that whe Travers won the 14th in 5 the match wa

his. The card follows:

Travers-Out Parrish-

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keeps me guessing as to which he is," said Mack. "I thought that he was a pitcher, but now I am prettty nearly convinced that he is not. I am going to satisfy myself on that point while we are at home, and hereafter he will either be a pitcher or an outfielder, and not waste time trying to be both. I have had Davies under my wing for three years, and I surely thought he was going to be a great pitcher, but I have just heard that he injured his arm two years ago. I did not get this from Davies himself, but from an outsider, who seems to be certain that this has greatly affected the lad's work. This does not mean that I will allow him to get away from me, even if he is not a pitcher, because he is a mighty good-looking ball player. But it will help me solve my pitching problem by eliminating another man. 1 (a) (b)

Mack Has Confidence in His Pitchers

"My pitchers are showing better," continued Manager Mack. "I can see a big improvement, and they will look even better after we get our cripples back in the game. They will have more confidence, and that should improve their control. Control is the only thing the four regulars are lacking, and they will be worked in order now. It is time Bressler was showing something, and I am going to find out right now whether he will be the great pitcher I expect or one of those constant temptations who look great in practice, but never come through with victories.

"I had expected Larry back in the game after a few days' absence, but, judging by a report I just received, he is not likely to be in the game for at least a week. Malone will stay right here and continue as the second baseman. The boy looks mighty good to me and has done fine work, when one considers that he has had no experience against major league pitching. He has convinced me that he is a natural hitter, and I think he will improve right along. I had no reason for wishing to conceal his identity, and it was done because he and his father wished it that way."

* * * Connolly, Georgetown Player, Wins Berth With Senators

There were a number of Georgetown graduates at Shibe Park Tuesday, prepared to welcome Tom Connolly, the Georgetown boy, who has jumped into major league ranks and won the left field berth on the Washington team from Howard Shanks. Connelly was a third baseman at Georgetown, but Manager Griffith switched him to the outfield when he joined the team in Chicago two weeks ago.

Connolly had been in the game two weeks when he sprung a "charley horse," which is likely to keep him out for several days, and his friends were greatly disappointed when little Acosta, the Cuban, was sent to left peld. Griffith says that Connolly will be a regular as soon as his injured leg is well enough.

This youngster was signed by Washington in April with the understanding that he was to report at the close of the college term in June, but the Senators' outfield has been so weak that Griffith persuaded Connolly to leave college early in May and to join the team in Chicago. The fans wondered what use Griffith was going to have for Connolly with Eddie Foster in good shape and playing great ball around third, but Griffith sprung a surprise by converting the Georgetown boy into an outfielder. Griffith says that Connolly is the best of the college players in this section of the country, and that he is going to be a great hitter in a year or two. At present Connelly is hitting well over .300 for the 15 games he has played. He halls from Pittsburgh and played on the Pittaburgh Collegians with Jim Shaw, star pitcher of the Senators three years A.E.51.

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TODAY I AM GONNA

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DUPPILICATE THE FEET

tives of Central High are in prime condi-tion. Hampton and Haslam, entered in ovents, have been showing so well there a little doubt they will hang up bettered marks.

Central High School's crew is the fa-vorite in the annual Schuylkill Navy Regatta, June 19, as the West Philadel-phia eight has disbanded for the season and Coach Marsh will enter the second boat in the event. Northeast High's crew is not being considered seriously as the Red and Black showed up poorly in the Henley race. Henley race

LOUISVILLE PROGRAM FOR RACES TOMORROW

C6. purse, for S-year-olds and up, i mile-Lady Powers, 100; Hedinage, a Top, 102; Wadsworth's Last. 102; U Water Front, 102; Freeman, 100; 05; Allen Bridgewater, 112; Orange, on I. L. 110; Beach Comber, 115;

mon I. L. 110; Bearth Comber, 115;
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 Intronge-Colon, 104; Hirnswaddy, and Conge-Colon, 104; Hirnswaddy, and Conge-Colon, 104; Hirnswaddy, and Conge-Colon, 104; Hirnswaddy, and Conge-Colon, 104; Hirnswaddy, 100; and Kirls Krinzite 97; Mountain Grandreary, 106; Alkaneet, 100; Alka-Kiccelet, 105; Twitight, 105; raise, purse, syssar-olds, 1 miles and 70; ar Jasmine, 106; Hendley, 101; maise, syssar-olds, 1 miles and 70; ar Jasmine, 106; Hendley, 111; maise, syssar-olds, 1 miles, 5 for- maise, 106; Pay- Mol, Object, 100; Old Charter, 106; Andige - Vision olds, 106; Fay- Mol, Object, 100; Old Charter, 106; Andige - Vision olds, 106; Janare- also, 200; Disturber, 113; acc, astiling - venz-olds and up, 1 B-16 vision olds, 106; Galdy 105; W. 462; Consolder, 100; Gold, 105; Mary Port, 106; Colds, 200; Any Port, 106; Disturber, 100; Any Port, 106; Colds, 106; Any Port, 106; Thence Eagawhee, 106; Any Port, mare, selling, 3-yeag-olds and up.

venth race selling, 3-year-olds and up, 16 miles-Commuteria, 63 Mailard, 61 Charloote, 88, Acts, 102, Star Actrass, 103 clara, 105; Wander, 106; Guide Post, 106; edy Howdy, 108, cather clear; track fast.

'For I've got John Barleycorn 14 down." -Plato Pete.

"What," requests F. L. T., "has become of the old-fashioned Giants who used to have the race seved up about this part of June?" Offnand, we should say that a lot of old-fashioned ways and things are ne longer doing business in the same old way.

An Owner's Viewpoint

Colonel Joseph Lannin, proprietor of the Red Sox, figures the American League race a 33-33-33 proposition among the White Sox, Tigers and Red Sox. "There's not enough to choose," he said, "to establish any opinion that isn't most muses."

and, to establish any opinion that in t most guess. Chicago and Detroit are both far better than for several years-and the Red Sox soon will be as they are now, pointing toward their normal stride. The battle among these three into the stretch should be one of the best in many years." edges. best in many years."

In Thrills

In Thrills "I used to think a home run with the bases full was the last word in thrills," scribbles Onlooker, "but after I saw that battle between Ted Meredith and Wilcox I knew I was mistaken. The finlah not only lifted the hair on your scalp up, but lifted the scalp with it. I can testify that my heart stopped beating for the closing 14 seconds." closing 14 se

Forced Marches

Hard luck crushes the quicter and turns the stalwart into a champion. A husky bloke with the wallop is a good bit more potent as a peacemaker than any one else.

than any one else. It has been advanced that Mr. Jim Fiynn, of Pueblo, is extremely fond of a battle. But Mr. Flynn's fondness can hardly extand to the point where his frontispice is mulled to a crimson pulp and his block practically eradicated. When he faces a man like Coffey it isn't when he faces a fight, but only

through any love of a fight, but only tending to show just how far any number of people will go to collect additional kāla.

The Big Bout Again

We can appreciate just what a 30-round balle between Coffey and Willard would mean. It is the best scrap to sight by a number of fathoms. But we shudder when we begin to think of what the noncom-

nant winner, are reported to way, "How did you stand in your match to-day" "Fill win in a walk," he said, with a Mack in seeking some new way to oper-ate his club. But if a neumant winner lost t. Louis Federal League marka in seeking rome new way to oper-ate his club. But if a permant winner lost money, will a tail ender have any luscious chance of enticing the populace through the gates and reilling the big chest? Some change might be in order, but we doubt that a sudden transition from a winner to a tail under in available the chest urgh Chicago Bt. Louis Kansas City

quarters of a century Parrisha tail ender is exactly the change that called for to improve conditions.

New Entries

"Tide and Time for no man we Old prophets used to sigh; And you can say about the set For Teddy and Ty.

derian trench lines, where there is noth-

ing much but shrappel and poisonous

A reader desires to find out what has become of the Welsh-Ritchie fight. We sidn't know they were even mad.

Or Won't They?

gases to assail the system.

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DOUBLE-HEADER FOR

TODAY CALLED Wet Grounds and Cold Weather St

Athletics and Nationals.

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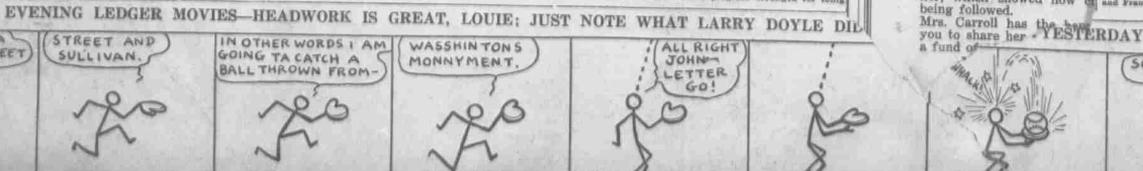
noon today that the double-header sch uled for this afternoon between Athletics and Washington had been pe poned on account of wet grounds a cold weather. The continued rains ha soaked the diamond at Shibe Fark, p even if the day had been a perfect e play would have been difficult. The postponement of today's dou headers means that the Athletics Washington will have two twin when the Nationals come again. Mackmen start a series with it Louis Browns tomorrow afternoon.

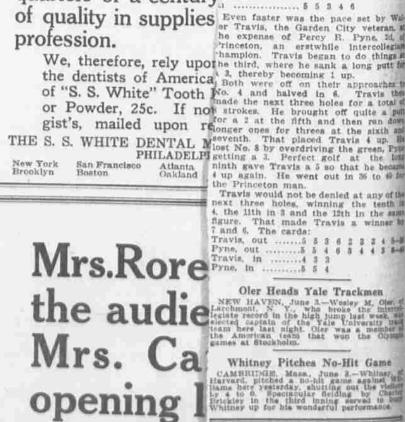
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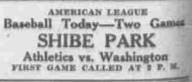
Motor-Paced Events Postpone.

cause of Cold Weather. Jack Roden, manager of the, Breeze Motordrome, announced easy morning that the 40-mile motor races scheduled for tonight has postponed because of the cold of clamont weather.

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SOME HEAD-WORK HEY

we begin to think of what the noncom-batants must go through with while pre-liminaries are being adjusted and the ar-ticles signed. It is almost enough to drive one headlong in the direction of the Fian-