

MORAN'S MEN LOSE GRAND OPPORTUNITY—"A RAIN CHECK," BY CHARLES E. VAN LOAN

INCREASING ATTENDANCE PROVES BASEBALL STILL "NATIONAL PASTIME"

Poor Crowds at One Particular Park No Indication of Sport's Popularity Throughout Country—Phillies Take a Day Off and Throw Away Perfectly Good Ball Game.

The old game—baseball—is dead, according to "Girard," writing in the Public Ledger. It is no longer the national pastime and is fast approaching the end, he says.

It might have been pointed out, and with ground for justification, that there is a marked increase in active participation in many of the sports other than baseball.

Baseball Attendance on the Increase, Not Decrease

But this has not detracted from the popularity of baseball. It should be remembered that there are now three major league circuits, instead of two, among the larger cities of the East and West.

The fact that the Athletics have not drawn well this season is scarcely a fair basis for argument. The Athletics occupy a peculiar position in the baseball world today, and it will take at least another season for the public mind to adjust itself in regard to Connie Mack's club.

But there are 32 professional leagues operating at the present time. In at least 20 of them financial conditions are good. Further, there are 50,000 independent and amateur baseball teams in the country.

Phillies Drawing Better Than in 33 Years

"Girard" might have taken the Phillies into his calculations. They are right here at home. And they are drawing better than at any time in their 33 years of business.

It was set forth that "Billy" Sunday drew ten times the crowds that the Athletics are drawing. It must be remembered that it cost nothing to see and hear "Billy" Sunday.

The real trouble in baseball today is not slim attendance, but abnormal expenses, both in players' salaries and in equipment. In the matter of players' salaries Connie Mack has blazed the way and others will follow.

Phils Throw Away Runs on Bases

Philly rooters sincerely hope there will be no more occasions this season when their idols waste hits as they did yesterday. With better base running it is altogether probable that the Phillies would have tallied at least three runs, and possibly more.

Cravath was the first hitter, and the fast-weakening Marquard was found for a solid drive to left by Paskert, who tried to stretch the drive into a double. Whether Moran or Paskert decided that he should be able to make second is not known, but whoever did so seriously erred in judgment.

When the Chance for Percentage Was Nil

The Phillies were still four runs behind New York when Paskert hit the ball; not a man was retired, and the ball was hit to the territory of one of the very best throwing outfielders in the league.

Paskert made the try and was nailed easily by Burns' throw to Fletcher. Two more hits followed, and there is no telling what might have happened had it not been for this one slip-up, which, unfortunately, was followed by another, when Niehoff was caught napping off second by Stroud's fast throw to Fletcher.

Rube Marquard Pulls a New One

Marquard did something yesterday that has seldom been seen at a local park. He deliberately passed Cravath in the first inning, despite the fact that the Giants had a four-run lead.

Umpire Byron, Cock of the Walk

The umpiring had little to do with defeating the Phillies, but it must be admitted that poorer work has seldom been seen here. Not only was Umpire Byron poor on balls and strikes, but he was entirely too important.

Baumgartner and Tincup Promising Pitchers

The work of Tincup and Baumgartner was high-class. During the closing stages of 1914 Tincup showed signs of developing rapidly, and since has improved a great deal. But he does not possess the natural "stuff" this youngster Baumgartner has, and there are few other southpaws in the game with better prospects.

Killefer Has Mastered Art of Self-Protection

Killefer is in a class by himself in tagging runners at the plate. When he is catching, blocking is never in evidence, and he has a remarkable way of avoiding collisions, without letting any runners get away from him.

Local fans sincerely hope that the injury to Jack Coombs will not prove serious. The wonderful come-back of the former Mackman has stirred the baseball fans throughout the country and they have been following Coombs' career in Brooklyn with unusual interest.

The Braves are back in last place. If there ever was a team that had the public fooled, it is this same world's championship aggregation. This time a year ago they were in last place, and yet won the pennant.

Will Norman Taber Break Jones' Mile Record?

Discussion has arisen relative to the comparative strength of John Paul Jones, holder of the amateur world's record for the mile (4:14 2-5), and Norman Taber, the ex-Trojan miler, who at the try-outs at Boston recently stepped the eight furlongs in 4:13 1-5.

It has been said that if Taber were given the proper sort of coaching and there is a man in the Panama-Pacific championships who will force him to do his best, a new record will grace the books.

YANKS POUND BALL AND SCORE FOUR RUNS ON TWIRLER CROWELL

Athletics Tally Three in Early Innings of Play Against New York—Slim Caldwell Donovan's Pitching Selection.

POLO GROUNDS, New York, July 7.—The Athletics and Yankees engaged in a double-header here today. Connie Mack was anxious to make a clean sweep of the series and started Crowell, his young collegian star, in the first game.

Manager Donovan selected Ray Caldwell to oppose him on the mound. The weather was threatening and held the attendance down to about 1500 for the first game.

In the first inning a combination of hits and passes gave the Yankees a three-run lead. This lead, however, did not last long, as the Mackmen came back in the second and tied the count.

Murphy grounded to Pipp. Strunk smashed a single to centre. Walsh fled to first on a bunt. Pipp walked. Cook went to second. Malsel singled to left and Cook was out at the plate.

Walsh to Lapp. Pipp doubled to right, scoring Peck and Malsel. High walked. Hartnell singled to left, scoring Pipp and putting High on second. Boone fled to Walsh. Sweeney fouled out to Schang. Three runs, four hits, no errors.

Lajoie singled to centre. McInnis forced Lajoie, Caldwell to Peck. Lapp popped to Malsel. Kopf singled past Boone. McInnis reaching second. Crowell singled to left, McInnis scoring. Kopf also crossed the plate on a wild throw by Boone.

Caldwell drew a pass. Cook popped to Schang. Peck sacrificed. Schang to McInnis. Malsel singled to left, scoring Caldwell. Malsel was out stealing. Lapp to Kopf. One run one hit, no errors.

Pipp walked. High sacrificed. Schang to McInnis. Pipp took third on a wild pitch. Hartnell walked. Boone doubled to left, scoring Pipp and putting Hartnell on third. On Sweeney's sacrifice fly to Walsh, Hartnell scored and Boone took third. Caldwell fanned. Two runs, one hit, no errors.

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"A RAIN CHECK" Mysterious Appearance of Messrs. George White and Eli Bates. The Tucson Eagles Acquire New Talent Quite by Accident. The Betting Changes Considerably.

By CHARLES E. VAN LOAN The World's Most Famous Writer of Baseball Fiction.

manager's over by the stand. He wants to see how you work against hitters. Give him some of that Class A stuff.

The red-head went into the box, whirled over a few preliminary balls, and Delaney sent his Eagles up with instructions to tear the cover off the ball.

"Dutch" Schmidt, Tucson's famous home-run hitter, almost broke his back reaching after a fadeaway drop.

So the surreal-top was grabbed. He said to his manager, "The Grizzlies were a cheapie aggregation, which had been making life burdensome for the Phoenix 'Terrors'."

On Saturday morning the Biabes "Grizzlies" came whooping into Tucson for a two-game series.

The Eagles had always been easy pluckings for the Biabes club, and the grating men who journeyed with the team offered to bet two to one on the game in which Moreno would pitch, or eight to ten that the Grizzlies would win both games.

"Better get you some of that two to one," said White to Delaney. "I've taken \$200 for you. This Oregon baby will eat 'em alive!"

Low Kelly pitched on Saturday, and was properly and painfully lambasted by the Grizzlies. The only bright spot was the work of the new catcher. He threw out the first three men who started to steal second base, caught one man napping off first and another off third, and made three long hits out of four times.

Kelly, "Did you see the way he murdered the ball?" he asked the manager cheerfully. "You bet!" said the manager cheerfully.

White asked for the verdict a few minutes later. "How about it?" he said carelessly. "Think you can use me?"

"Use you?" ejaculated Delaney. "You bet your life I can use you! Two games a week. The players split the money about the Malta Club. The management takes out twenty-five per cent. of the gross."

"Uh-huh," said White, without enthusiasm. "And how much does this cut usually run?"

"Well," said White, after some time spent in watching the stranger, "I don't know about his being a tramp, Pat, but take it from me, he sure is one pippin' pitcher. He's got a fast curve there that would knock your eye out."

"Is that so?" said the manager, beginning to show some interest. "I hadn't noticed it."

"Well, I have," announced White positively. "Whe-e-w! What do you know about that speed? Talk about a smoke ball! Tell you what I'll do. I'll get him to pitch some to me, and we'll turn him loose on these fellows in the batting practice. You understand, I haven't seen Low Kelly in a game yet, and I don't know how good he really is, but I've seen him warm up, and believe me, his red-head has got more than Kelly ever saw."

"Think so?" said Delaney eagerly. "Try him out. If we had another good pitcher now we'd be loaded for bear."

White loafed over and spoke to the lanky stranger. "Come on, kid!" he whispered. "The

morning paper proudly called attention to the fact that Bates struck out 14 men, gave only one base on balls, and allowed but two hits, one of which, it was pointed out, was of the petty-larceny variety.

Bates and White became popular heroes, receiving homage "hit" and kind words that night at the billiard parlor. Tucson, said the followers of the national pastime, was now on the baseball map. Let the Grays, the Coyotes and the Terrors take notice.

The Prescott Grays brought a brass band with them, and it went away playing a funeral march. Eli Bates—"Get 'em, Eli," as he was christened—was responsible for both games, allowing five hits in 18 innings, and scores were 4 to 0 and 7 to 1 in favor of the Eagles.

The citizens presented Eli with a gold watch on the Sunday when he pitched against the Terrors; score, Eagles 2, Terrors 0.

In no time at all the Eagles, once a team feared by none, became the terror of the Arizona circuit. The betting switched until Tucson men fought for a chance to bet two to one on Bates whenever he pitched. Patsy Delaney took his club on a tour, and it won eight games out of ten, Eli Bates scoring six shut-outs.

Delaney bought a diamond horseshoe as big as a silver half dollar and formally challenged every team west and formally pitched on Bates' games, and the red-head had never even been close to defeat.

Stroud Day Next Friday Ralph Stroud, the young pitcher of the Giants, is a native of Dover, N. J. Ever since he became a Giant his friends in Dover have kept a close eye on his pitching and in honor of his fine work there to help celebrate Stroud Day.

POINT BREEZE (PARK) Motordrome Tomorrow Night 8:30 Tomorrow 8:30 50-MILE MOTORPACED RACE Carman Didier Linart Madonna America France Belgium NO ADVANCE IN PRICES. 25c and 50c

NATIONAL LEAGUE PARK Double-Header Phillies vs. New York First Game at 1:30. Admission 25, 50 & 75c Box Seats \$1. On Sale at Gimbel's, Spalding's

WHAT MAY HAPPEN IN BASEBALL TODAY

NATIONAL LEAGUE table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct., Win, Loss, Split.

AMERICAN LEAGUE table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct., Win, Loss, Split.

BOBBY REYNOLDS BACK HOME; IS LIGHTWEIGHT

Local Boxer Outgrows "22"-pound Class on Tour—Ready to Make Return Appearance.

Bobby Reynolds, a clever local fist-cuff-fan, is back home after an eight-month sojourn through the South and West.

Since his return home Reynolds has issued a deft to all lightweights in this vicinity. Despite the warm weather Bob is anxious to display his mettle before his home town followers as soon as possible.

Reynolds is diligently working out at a local gymnasium and he will be in shape to make his return appearance here in a few days.

Some of the leading featherweights and lightweighters included in Reynolds' list of opponents during his out-of-town campaign, viz: Johnny Kilbane, Benny Leonard, Rocky Kansas, Harry Condon, Fackey Hommey, Kid Black, Matt Brock, Willie Jones, Benny Palmer, Ernest Leland and Jack Reed, of Australia.

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Johnny Campi, who surprised Broadway fans by stopping Jack Kanrow last week, may meet the Trouble Factory boxer again at the 15th street and Washington avenue arena.

Harry Davis, who won a 125-pound amateur tournament and has won three professional fights to date, wants to hook up with Eddie Hart and Paddy Fitzgerald.

Tonight in New York Al Reich and Jim Savage will clash in a 10-round bout. Since defeating Fred Welsh, Charley White has received offers from seven leading clubs in the country, including Brooklyn, New York, Boston, Milwaukee, St. Louis, Denver and New Orleans matchmakers.

Boards' League Sets Dates OCEAN CITY, July 6.—Manager Calhoun, of the Ocean City baseball team, has arranged a series of games with Cape May and Wildwood. The series will begin in this city with Cape May next Monday.

July 22—Ocean City at Cape May; July 23—Cape May at Ocean City; August 1—Ocean City at Cape May; August 10—Ocean City at Cape May. There will be games with Wildwood July 20 and 21, one at Wildwood and one at Ocean City. There has been great rivalry between the ball teams of these cities for many years, and this feeling continues.

VOLLEY OF PHIL HITS SCORES TWO RUNS IN FIRST GIANTS' GAME

Luderus Drives in Cravath and Killefer and Mayer Sting Chris Mathewson for Singles in Opeener of Double Bill.

NATIONAL LEAGUE PARK, July 7.—The Phillies and Giants met this noon in a doubleheader, the first starting at 1:30 o'clock.

The Phillies got away to a two-run lead in the second inning, but the Giants promptly came back and tallied three.

Erkine Mayer asked Manager Mathewson for another chance at the Giants, and was allowed to pitch the first game. He was batted from the mound yesterday and seemed to have little terror for the Giants today. They hit him hard for three innings. The wonderful Mathewson was McGraw's twin, and he also seemed to have little fear of the ball.

FIRST INNING. Burns fanned. Robertson flied to Cravath. Doyle flied to Becker. No runs, no hits, no errors.

SECOND INNING. Fletcher out. Luderus to Mayer, who covered first. Mathewson to center. Robert out. Niehoff to Luderus, Mathewson stopping at second. Byrne threw Snodgrass. No runs, no hits, no errors.

THIRD INNING. Cravath walked. Becker popped to Merkle. Niehoff hit to Doyle, but Fletcher covered first. Luderus was out. Cravath to center, scoring Cravath, who was second on the throw-in. Killefer singled to right, scoring Luderus. Mayer singled to center. Killefer going to third. Doyle threw out Byrne. Two runs, three hits, no errors.

FOURTH INNING. Merkle singled to left. Robert flied to Cravath. Snodgrass fouled to Byrne. Meyers singled to left, Merkle stopping at second. Mathewson fanned. No runs, two hits, no errors.

FIFTH INNING. Becker flied to Burns. Merkle made Niehoff's high fly. Luderus flied to Snodgrass. Robert threw out Killefer. Two runs, no hits, one error.

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Advertisement for Ball Park Game Today featuring a cartoon illustration of a man on a ladder and various text boxes with humorous dialogue.

Advertisement for Radnor The New Arrow Collar, showing a collar and the brand name.

Large advertisement for Federal Double-Cable-Base Tires, featuring a tire illustration and text about contentment and performance.