# PHILS' POOR DEFENSIVE WORK COSTS VALUABLE GAMES—"A RAIN CHECK," BY VAN LOAN

### WEAK FIELDING STARTS PHILLIES SKIDDING-THREE GAMES DONATED

Captain Luderus Fails to Enforce Fielding Instruction and Mixups Occur-Young Mamaux, of Pittsburgh, Pitching Sensation of Season.

It has been remarked frequently that a team which plays up-to-date baseball gets the breaks, and for this reason a championship club is always conaidered lucky by the players and fans of the seven rival cities in each league. That a team can force the breaks has been proved time and again and has been clearly illustrated by the whirlwind attack of the Phillies at times during the

When a team has excellent pitching it has a better chance to force the breaks, because one or two runs usually means victory, and a failure of an offensive move on one occasion does not upset the team so easily. The players realize that they have to be successful only once, and two or three runs will

alinch a victory if the pitcher is going strong. The Phillies have looked bad many times recently when trying to force these breaks, and since some games have been lost because of the failure of this style of attack, it has been argued that the team has played bad baseball. There have been several errors in judgment made by Moran's team offensively in the last ten days, but these were due more to a temporary lapse of the Chinking power of an individual than to any fault of the style of play laid

#### Trouble With Phillies Is in Defensive Work

A bad batting slump that lasted more than a month held the Phillies back somewhat; but the point is that the great weakness in the Philly play is in the defense and not in the offense. The Phillies have gone as far as five games without an error of commission in the field, and some of the plays have been wonderful, but even in those games defensive errors of omission have done much toward giving the opposing team a victory,

Playing batamen wrong and throwing to the wrong base on safe hits have been serious drawbacks. These facts do not show in the box score, but they have lost ball games. On hard-hit balls and in plays that require fast and brilliant work the Philly infield has stood out prominently, only to fall down on some easy chance or to do the wrong thing at the wrong time.

Perhaps it will be argued that the opposing teams have been scoring but few runs. That is true, but they have been scoring more than they should with the brand of pitching that has been shown by the Phillies' staff. As Manager Moran states, the Phillies have had but four poorly pitched games of ball out of 67 played, which is a marvelous record and one that should have been rewarded with at least 45 victories instead of 36.

#### Basemen Tip Off Batters to Pitching

When the team was in a batting slump, it was generally believed that it would wade through the other teams as soon as the sluggers found their batting eye, but it has become apparent that the fault is more with the defense than the offense. One can sit in the stand, and if he watches closely, can tell 75 per cent, of the times whether Bancroft or Nichoff is going to cover second with a runner on first. This has made it easy for opposing teams to pull the

Early in the season it was a rare occurrence to see this play used against the Phillies, but the opposing teams are evidently wise, and it is becoming more successful every day. Two of the games lost within the last four days have been directly due to the fact that the man covering the bag was tipped off even before the pitcher threw the ball.

#### Still Another "Should-have-been-a-victory" Story

Yesterday the Phillies threw away another game because the team is still not quite the smooth machine necessary to stay in the pennant race to the finish. Too many of these "should-have-been-a-victory" contests have taken place at Philly Park this season already, and it is to be hoped there will be no more like the game with the Pirates yesterday. There have been three such

Every ball club must make misplays at some stage of the game, and there is always an excuse for an error when a fielder makes a legitimate attempt to handle a ball, but when two players stand still and watch a fly ball fall safe through a misunderstanding it is time to find out where the trouble lies. This is not the first time a ball has fallen between two fielders at the Philly park, when either could have handled it easily, but each thought the other would

### Duty of Captain to Enforce Fielding Instructions

Luderus is captain of the team and should call out clearly and loudly for some one to try for the ball, and that man should go through with it under any To date, those in the press box have not heard Luderus' voice. Perhaps if he called louder there would be fewer mix-ups.

Niehoff has been in two of the plays recently where the ball fell safely between two fielders, and in each instance it seemed that he had called for a ball that was entirely out of his territory.

That hustling spirit is appreciated, but it is sometimes bad for a club, as the Athletics discovered when Eddie Collins went out into right field once too often for balls that were out of his territory. Collins collided with Dan Murphy and fractured his collar bone. He just managed to recover in time for the world's series that season. There is such a thing as a player becoming too ambitious,

# Had Bancroft Held the Ball, Well-

A little pop fly from Baird's bat fell between Niehoff and Luderus yesterday and started a rally that won the game for Pittsburgh. Baird received credit for a hit, and he moved to third on Wagner's single, after Hinchman had fanned, Viox also fanned, making two men retired. Then a double steal was tried, and Bancroft made the misplay that lost the game, although the error of emission by either Niehoff or Luderus started the trouble. Bancroft muffed a perfect throw from Killefer in trying to break up this steal and Baird scored, while Wagner went to second and scored on Gibson's single. Had Bancroft held the ball he had plenty of time to catch Baird at the plate.

Young Al Mamaux, who was on the mound for the Pirates, twirled a beau tiful game. He was never in danger until the last two innings, and he pulled out of both holes himself by clever pitching. Few hard fielding chances were given his support, and four of the Phillies' six hits were infield scratches. This youngster has developed a wonderful drop that reminds one much of Mathewson's famous drop which wrecked the Athletics' world's series hopes back in 1905. He is surely the pitching find of the season.

# Another Ty Cobb and Another Rube Waddell-Maybe

President Hedges, of the St. Louis Browns, declares he has another Ty Cobb in George Sisler, the University of Michigan star, who has been alternating between first base and pitching since joining St. Louis. Hedges says, also, that he has another Waddell in Koob, the Michigan State Normal School pitcher, It is fine to be optimistic and to give youngsters a boost, but it seems that Hedges has the habit of stretching points.

Last season, when big Gus Williams went off to a good start at the bat, in the field and on the bases, the Browns' president gave out a long statement in which he predicted that Williams would be a greater outfielder than Cobb before the close of the 1914 season. Any number of things may have happened to wreck the career of Williams, but all the public knows is that he has been released and is now playing a poor game in the outfield for Toronto, of the International League.

Watch the Cuba! The great Heinlezim again has promised to be good. After a recent game, in which Zimmerman kicked himself out to the detriment of his team, the Cubs gathered around him and pleaded with him to be good-if not for their sake, at least for the sake of a cut in the world's series coin. There must be some eloquent pleaders on Bresnahan's club, for, according to the stories from Chicago, Zimmerman wept. More than that, he said: "If I get kicked out of a game again I'll give each of you fellows \$5."

Dana Fillinghem, the young Charleston pitcher who has just been purchased by the Athletics, shut out Macon on Wednesday, allowing but two hits and striking out 13 batsmen. Bankston, who was purchased from the same team, is a catcher and not an outfielder. He was filling in at centre field when not behind the bat because of his hitting, but the Mackman expect to use him behind the bat,

Ed Rusibach and George McConneil refuse to join the down-and-out club. Ruelbach held Otto Knabe's Baltimore Feds to four hits and won an easy victory yesterday for Newark, while McConnell pitched the Chifeds to a victory over Kanssa City. The latter obtained but four hits and were shut out. It was McConneil's ninth straight victory.

### MIDSEASON STANDING OF THE FANS



# BELATED RUN OF CHANNEL BASS HAS BEGUN; FISHERMEN NOW THRONGING THE COAST OF JERSEY

Game Fish Are Very Late in Showing Up, But Are Plentiful Now-Tips Given on Proper Variety of Bait and Best Places to Make Good Catches-Maxwell Bullock Makes Record Catch at Corson's Inlet.

#### By DR. S. H. LIPSCHUTZ

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#### Salt Water News

At last the long looked-for channel bass, that was scheduled to make its appearance on the Jersey coast a month ago, now occupies the attention of the surf flahermen.

Each day brings in fresh news of catches from the different resorts along the coast. The absence of these gamy fish has been, no doubt, due to the terrific storms and the lateness of the season. It has been within the last few weeks only that there has been sufficient food in the terrific storms. food in the suff to attract the bass close in shore, and now that the sand crabs, clams and rock minnows ark in, there is nothing to prevent the surf fisherman in making a killing among these tackle smashers.

# Hints to Channel Bass Fishermen

All men that are wedded to fishing for channel bass are more than entitled to "Job" for a middle name, for there is hardly anything in the fishing game that can be compared to it for patience.

While many bass have been taken on who has traveled far would rather trust his chances to large hooks and big batts. A No. 3 O'Shaughnessy hook, at-tached to a heavy piane wire leader, about 10 to 20 tuches, which is again attached to the largest size barrel swivel will be found the beat rig to use. It is best for the amateur not to use a line smaller than 15 thread until he has learned the art of playing the bass, as the tendency is to horse the first fish caught and a smaller line would hardly stand the racket.

The swivel to which the hook is at-tached should be fastened to a piece of rawhide about two inches long and a half inch wide, this being passed through the end of the line that has a double loop formed to take it. This dipsy, of the pyramid variety, is fastened to a bone ring, procurable at notion counters, and allowed to run free on the line. At least 200 yards of line is necessary, and it should be wet and stretched before it is put on the reel. The best surf tackle, de-scribed last week, should be used and either mossbunker or shedder crab may be used for balt, with preference to the bunker. The bunker, after scaling, is split down the back, the backbone removed, and each alde cut lengthwise, making four baits of each fish. It is passed through the hook two or three times so that it will lie flat, and not bunch up on the hook, it being well to tie it on to the hook.

Where to Go for Channel Bass Channel bass may be caught at Beach Haven, Whale Beach, Harvey Cedars, Brigantine Beach, Longport, above First street, 14th street, and 59th street, all at cean City, Corsons Inlet, Townsend In-et, Avalon, Wildwood Crest, Delaware Say, off Ship John Light and as far bouth as Top Sall Inlet, North Carolina. where as high as twelve to fifteen are maight on a tide.

In the spring the bass run from about the 30th of May until the middle of July, when they stop biting and are again seen about the 15th of September until the gets too cold around the lat of

Record Channel Bass of Season

Mr. J. Maxwell Butlock, of Philadelphia, while fishing at Corsons Inlet on July 6, anded the record fish of the season, a 56pound channel bass. This pears has year's Field and Stream record by one pound. It is also probable that this record will hold, as they are rarely taken larger. The largest bass ever taken on a red and line was caught by Joe Cawthorn, the actor, at Asbury Park and weighed 55 pounds. Jack Whatton, a veteran surf man, of la spending July at the Lake House, Newark, N. J., this week caught a 46gound channel bass at Corson's Inlet. Largest Shark Landed

While fishing with George Geis, the guide, at Corson's Inlet, James Hawley, of New York, hooked and landed a monster mackerel shark, weighing 200 pounds. The shark towed the small fishing dory for over a mile, and it took all of two hours' hard work to beach this monster. George K. Smith, of Philadelphia, fishing last Sunday, at Fortescue, caught a 38-pound channel bass. The party included Bill Carson, Buck Buchannan and Willard Smith, all of Philadelphia.

Captain Steelman's boat, the Helen, that leaves from Somers Point, landed on Monday last 450 pounds of sea bass at

Tom Brown, Ern Brautigan, Joe Binns and Henry Howison will leave this week for Fortescue, to fish for channel bass. Dr. W. Oakley Hermance, of Philadelphia will leave shortly for the sea fishing at Casce Bay, Me. Captain Nickseen, of Ocean Climbia. Captain Nickerson, of Ocean City, has

Captain Nickerson, of Ocean City, has caught to date, at 59th street, the following channel bass, 24%, 35% and 29 pounds. Doctor Lummis, who spends the summer at Ocean City, caught two bass weighing 34% and 29% pounds.

Mr. C. Hitchner, of Ocean City, has caught to date two channel bass at 59th street, weighing 20% and 28 nounds.

Frank Hodson, of Philadelphia, will open his cottage at Ocean City and devote his time to surf fishing. Last year Mr. Hodson caught two channel bass weighing 34 and 39 nounds, at the same time and on the same tide, 12 hours intervening between the catches.

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Link and George Roden, of Philadelphia, will spend the next two weeks at Gus Witcamp's, at Corsons, where they will fish for channel and striped bass. Churchill Hungerford, of Philadelphia, is getting his bank skiff in order, that he may hit the tunns as soon as they are reported off shore. Mr. Hungerford has had experience with these marine monsters off Block Island and Nantucket.

R. C. Held, of Philadelphia, caught a 50-pound channel bass at Brigantine Beach

ound channel bass at Brigantine Beach Claude Holgate, of Newark, sends word nat the blues have been sighted off Fire

William Miller, of Philadelphia, piloted number of his friends to Great Bay last week, and all were well pleased with a good day's sport and well-filled baskets of weakfish. Clarence Brush, of Germantown, caught

47 kingfish off the new Ocean City Fishing Club's pier last Monday. Samuel Jacobs, of Philadelphia, will shortly take a party of friends on his cruiser for a few days' fishing at Fortes-cue. They will make the whole trip from Philadelphia by boat.

Master John Blernbaum, of Philadel-phia, is daily hitting the kingdish off the hoardwalk at Ventnor, and is one of the youngest surf fishermen of the Vent-

nor colony.

Next week the orchestra men of the Victor Talking Machine Company will be the guests over the week-end of Ed Gerhard at Beach Haven for the surf flah-ling. The following men will motor there: Howard Rattay, Walter Rodgers, Jako Fuhs, Fred Shrader, Emil Kenecke and

# Fresh Water Notes

Dr. Edward Kieffer, of Philadelphia, will leave this week for the trout fishing on Saw Creek, at Bushkili, Pa. Robert Cunningham and wife, of Philadelphia, have just returned from a most successful fishing trip around Lake George, where they made a splendid showing among the big fish. Mrs. Cunningham is an ardent fisherwoman and an expert fly caster.

Martin Cornman, of Sewickley and Philadelphia, has just returned from a camping trip in the vicinity of Lawistown.

and reports excellent catches of brook trout that are very plentiful, but not of

any great size.

Mr. P. T. Henry and wife, of Philadelphia, will motor this coming week-end through the Poconos, and will cast the fly for trout and bass.

News From Maine William P. M. Brann, of Germantown, ous. Mr. Brann has been most successful and has had his full share of the big

catches recently.

Mr. W. H. Castle, of Merion, Pa., is dividing his time at Rangely between the folf links and the fishing for lake trout. Mrs. W. R. Eisenhower and daughter, of Polladelphia, are guests at the Lake House, Rangeley, who devote most of their time fishing for salmon and trout.

Mr. George Walton, of Philadelphia, is summering at George McKinnoy's Camp, at Otter Pond. at Otter Pond, Me,, and had the unusual experience of attempting to land a 4½ pound lake trout without a landing net, ut the fish was saved by the timely as-

Istanco of his guide.
Mr. and Mrs. David T. Dean, of Philadelphis, have just returned from a camp-ng trip to the Delaware Water Gap, where they motored for the week-end and njoyed the excellent bass fishing the Gap afforded.

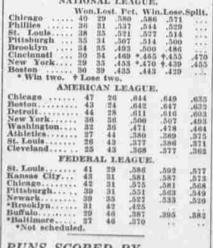
Dr. George Tales Baker, of Philadel-phia, who is spending the summer at his mamp, "Hepburn Wood," in the Adirondacks, is having a remarkable catch of large trout, having landed one weighing \$ 3-4 pounds, on the North Branch of the Saranac River.

# VETERAN HORSE TRAINER DEAD

Charles Littlefield, Ex-Jockey, Dies in Brooklyn.

NEW YORK, July 9 .- Charles Littlefield, the veteran horseman, who died yesterday morning at the home of his son-in-law, Julius Garside, on King's Highway, Brookiyn, had a spectacular career on the turf as a jockey and

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# "A RAIN CHECK"

The Game Is on-A Battle Between Pitchers-The Weather Takes a Hand After Six Innings and Seems to Rattle Eli Bates Unnecessarily.

# By CHARLES E. VAN LOAN

Red Lynch and Jake Hartwell, rall-readed out of organ, sed baseball for threw-ling games on which they had bet, decide to go the limit. In Ticson, Ariz., they applear as casual atrangers. Here, is en-gaged as catcher, and Lynch, altan El-liates, as pitcher for the local resum. They icrform wenderfully on their first appear-

Eli retaliated by keeping the ball high up on the inside, to the extreme discomfiture of the Grizzly wallopers, who could not hit it out of the diamond. Eight men he fanned in six innings, and Pete Moreno, pitching with unusual nerve and control, made five of the Eagles throw ways their here. away their bats.

plichers, it was a remarkable exhibition, but Tucson unhesitatingly awarded pre-mier honors to Ell, the incomparable. mier honors to Ell, the incomparable. Moreno had been hit safely three times, and had given one base on balls; the Grizzles had yet to make their first single, and Ell had issued no transportation. The score was represented by a double row of ciphers on the board; excitement ran high and loud, and the few Bisbee men realized with sinking hearts that Ell was nitching as they had never seen him. was pitching as they had never seen him at the end of the sixth inning. White

found a chance to whisper to Eli: 'Hetter let 'er go in this ining," he hispered. "It's clouding up, and there whispered. may be a storm. Slip in one or two runs, and it'll stiffen this Mexican's backbone. They'll never get a foul off him if he

gets a lead."

Ell looked at the sky. The wind was bringing great masses of black clouds out of the west; there was the "feel" of rain in the air.

"String along with me, Jake," was the inswer. "Same old signals." Ell was a proud young man with a dash of the artistic temperament.

could not help thinking of the pitiful dis-appointment of the pretty girls in the grandstand, who believed him to be without a peer. He wasted no sympathy on Patsy Delaney, for instance; Patsy, who



Joe Dorsey slid over the plate low

and given odds of 2 to 1. The artistic temperament often causes a man to overlook the main point in an argument.

Joe Dorsey, the weakest hitter on the visiting club, who waited on a pitcher because he was afraid to hit and miss. opened the seventh inning, and Eli soor had three balls and two strikes on him In order that it might look "good," the last ball was a drop curve, simed about two feet low. No man with any judg-ment, seeing that the ball was going to hit the plate itself, would have offered at it, but Joe Dorsey was a bad batter, and he swung. There was nothing for White to do but let the ball get away from him, and Dorsey hustled for first

The fence-breaking Cuipepper was next at bat. "Cul" hated a drop curve, but he could knock the cover off a straight ball, and that was what Ell offered him. Cul lined it back as straight as it had

the ball at his feet, and Joe Dorsey was hal way between third and the plate. Ell made a snatch for the ball and dribbled it along the ground for 10 feet. When he did pick it up he whipped it to White like a bullet, but he was very careful to throw the ball shoulder-high, and as it therefore the ball shoulder-high, and as it thudded into the big catcher's mitt. Joe Dorsey slid over the plate low and safe. The crowd was stunned into silence. An error apiece for this wonderful pair—and a run for Bisbee. What was going to happen next?

had a fatal weakness; a ball low down on his bare-hand side would get away

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Why describe the first six innings? Peta Moreno drove the few Bisbes men crazy when he struck out White in the third inning and followed by making the peer-loss Eli hit a weak foul back of first base.

Considering it as a contest between



had bet more money than he could afford the bleachers to yell: "Now or never!"
Without doubt this would be the last of

base.

White straightened up with the ball when Joe was almost on the sack, and slammed away, a wild, blind heave to feet over Smiling Kelly's glove. The right fielder was taken entirely by surprise, and Dorsey went from first to third. In the grandstand they were beginning to call for three strike-outs—anything to keep that man on third base. thing to keep that man on third base.

come. Ell stuck out his hand mechani-cally, the ball hit his glove and dropped dead at his feet. It was a startling bit of fielding for the crowd, and a still more startling bit of fielding for Eli himself. And there was the ball at his feet, and Joe Dorsey was

happen next?

They were not kept in suspense very long. Ell, thinking of the money, made up his mind that since the public idel had to have a clay foot, he might as well have a pair. Culpepper was on first base. Ell knew well that Smiling Welly had a fatal weakness; a ball low down

Fishing Season Is On

from him nine times out of 10. Ask of course, that was why Ell tried is nab Culpepper off first base by thrown with all the strength in his arm low down and on the "meat-hand aide." The ball went hopping to the bleachers, cul ball went hopping to the bleachers Culpepper went hopping to second base, as the Tucson crowd was hopping mad. In threw his glove on the ground as walked around in circles; White ran that if to steady him, but what he said with the said w

been better suited. Slattery knocked his free-will offering into centre for a signand Culpepper scored. Tucson was yet sick. Delaney, on the bench, was converted. Then suddenly the Ell of blessed nessory blessomed forth, just as if he had never been under an eclipse. He structure out two men with seven pitched balls, and the third one fouled into White's gless

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There was an ominous rumbling in the west as the teams changed sides, and a ominous grumbling in the grandstand if Eli expected applause for locking the stable door after he had stolen the horse.

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"Come on, fellows, for pity's saker urged Delaney. "Don't let that grease pitcher beat you! Mouse, you're der You're overdue! Get out there and bust that egg in one! Bates, what for did rug o and give Slattery a high ball? He can't hit anything else And, George, thug was an awful throw to first. Seemed is me like you'd ought to have held the ball. But le's not holler about what ha happened, fellows! We sin't licked yellowed the seemed in em over! This greaser weakens after the

sixth always. But whatever you do, get down there." Pete Moreno looked at the figure on the scoreboard for the first half of the seventh, and it struck him that these Eagles were not so flerce, after all. Ear picking. Then Pete fell into the com-mon error of those of his blood. He grew careless, tried to "show off" a new curve ball with which he had been experimen-ing, and Mouse walked, slightly revivas

the hopes of the populace.

Smiling Kelly missed two mighty swings and then rolled one gently down the first-base line. Mouse McGbee reached second base, but the Tucsen men knew that this was no time to play for single runs. It would take a cluster of three to win; two would saw the bacan

and the rain was coming out of the west on the wings of a stiff wind. Patsy Delancy wished that it was any other umpire in the country, so that his men might have "stalled" and delayed matters long enough to have the rain interfere, but Patsy had tried that same once with Silver Bill, and that houset individual had warned him twice, and then declared the game forfeited. "Rule 20, section four," said Silver BH.

"Look it up, Pat. I'm sorry, but the book And the worst of it was that Delang that Silver Bill was just hor

enough to do it again if he gave him Kid Peters walked out, swinging hi short black bludgeon.
"What shall I do, Pat?" he asked.
"Do your damndest!" said the manage

desperately. Kid Peters obeyed orders to the letter for he fanned without so much as touch-ing the ball, and Moreno grinned at he catcher. There was not a sound in the grandstand. The Tucson rooters had one eys on the diamond and one eye on the sulien masses of black clouds rolling up from the west. No need for so

inning played; Mouse McGhee was waiting on second, and "two hands were (CONTINUED TOMORROW.)

Walked 20 in Eight Innings MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., July D. Harry 1 er, of Hackensack, N. J., twirler for fillers, of the American Association, is still league today, although he walked it ul men in Monday's eight-inning gam Paul. The record is believed to equal rid record and broke American Associa



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