

GRIFFITH FOLLOWS CONNIE MACK'S TACTICS "A RAIN CHECK," BY CHARLES E. VAN LOAN

GRIFFITH ADOPTS MACK POLICY AND WILL TEAR UP SENATORS

Washington Manager Admits His Team Is Not in Class With American League Rivals—Alexander Makes Record With 30 Hits in Nine Games.

AS PREDICTED in these columns at the start of the season, the Washington baseball team has blown up, and Manager Griffith is convinced that he must rebuild it almost entirely.

Griffith Blind to His Weak Infield Griffith contended that Gandil, Morgan, McBride and Foster formed a wonderful infield, despite the fact that he had but one consistent hitter in the quartet.

Will Follow Connie Mack's Drastic Policy It took the six straight defeats in Boston to open Griffith's eyes, and now he has made up his mind to waste no time in rebuilding a team on entirely different lines.

Only Joe Wood Approaches Alexander's Record When Alexander the Great held the Pittsburgh Pirates to two hits yesterday he continued on the most remarkable pitching streak ever known in baseball.

Alexander's Performance Pure Wizardry Pittsburgh never had a chance before the blinding speed and sharp sweeping curve ball that Alexander mixed with remarkable judgment and control.

Started on Victorious March June 5 in St. Louis Alexander started his string of eight consecutive victories in St. Louis on June 5. In this game he allowed but one hit, a single to center by Butler with two men out in the ninth inning.

Meredith Will Not Have Chance to Beat Long's Record Followers of track and field athletics in the East are agored over the late announcement that there is not a 440-yard straight-away on the Panama-Pacific Exposition grounds.

Monte Cross, former Athletics star, says that Manager Mack has picked up a remarkable youngster in Bankston, of Charleston, S. C. He is a catcher, but is so fast and hits so well that a regular position probably will be found for Cross.

The Athletics continue to play great ball. Joe Bush was invincible, and, hearing out Mack's contention, the Athletics looked like a championship team in St. Louis yesterday with good pitching.

The mad career of the Red Sox was checked by Detroit. The Tigers batted Ruth, Mays and Gregg to all parts of the field and made the remarkable total of 13 earned runs.

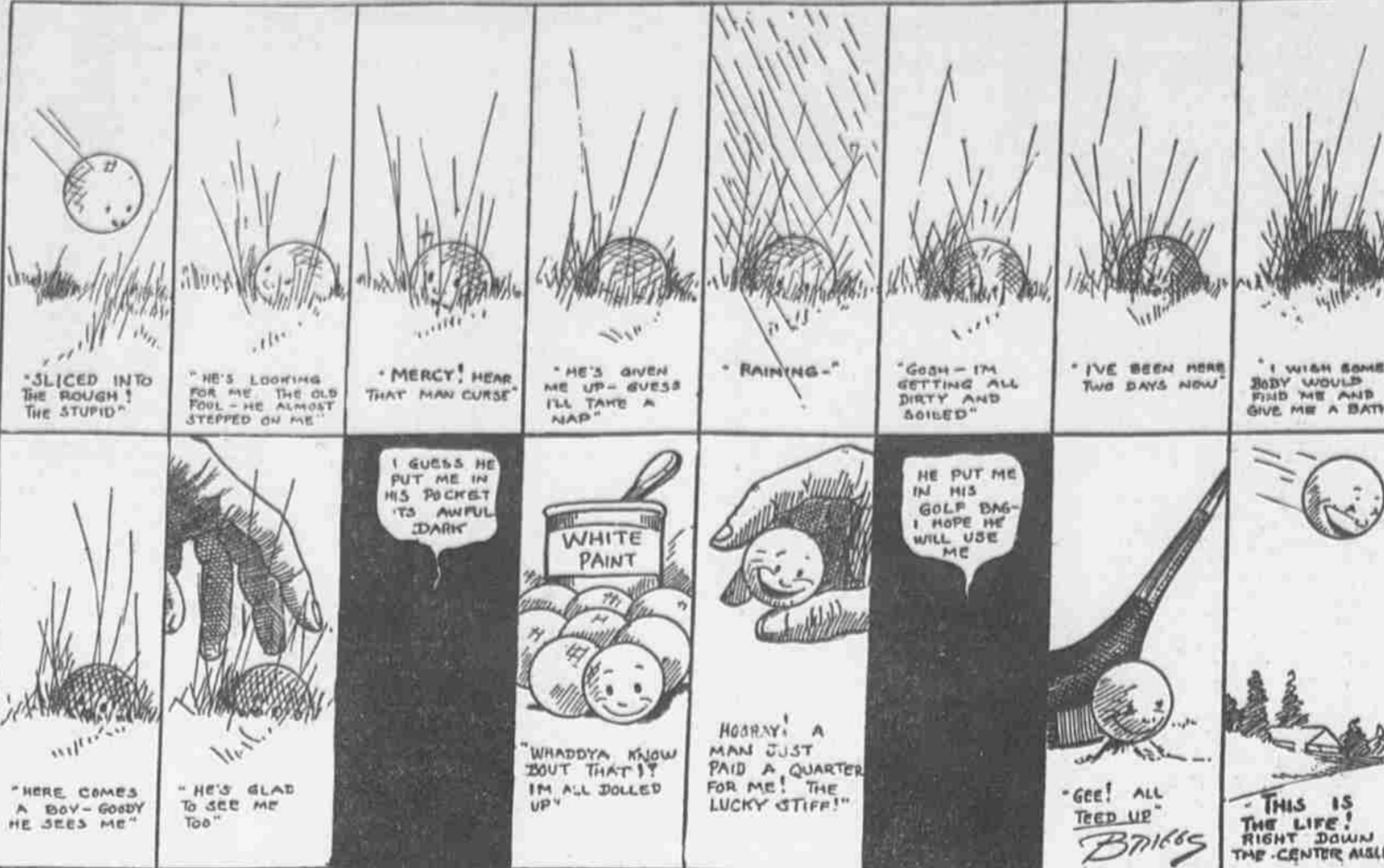
Tom Seaton is said to be sincerely sorry he left the Phillies. What about a pennant with Alexander, Seaton, Rixey and Meyer as first string pitchers? The little argument would be settled already.

Shucks! That fellow Alexander is slipping. Now he has gone and given two hits in a game. The fans are getting uneasy about this.

The accident to Al Orth was unfortunate. Orth has had quite a lot of poor luck on the Philly grounds. When he pitched for the Phillies he was struck with a line drive hit by Jerry Nops, of the old Orioles, years ago, and spent one month in the hospital.

For the first time this season the Giants succeeded in capturing a double-header. The Reds were naturally the victims, as they cannot beat the Giants under any condition. Seidman has one team had it on another as the Giants have it on the Reds.

ADVENTURES OF A LOST BALL



"A RAIN CHECK"

A Hit Means a Run and It Happens—Strange Conduct of a Winning Pitcher and His Battery Mate—Ending With Retirement of Messrs. Lynch and Hartwell From Vicinity of Tucson.

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Red Lynch and Jake Hartwell, railroaded out of organized baseball for throwing games on which they had bet, decided to go to Tucson, Ariz. They appear as casual strangers.

White then consults "Oily Tom" Blake and arranges to throw the game scheduled for Sunday. In the seventh inning Bates and White throw the game, giving their opponents a safe lead. Then in comes the Eagles' go in to bat and Moose Jones makes a three-bagger.

Moose Jones shut his eyes and took a crack at the first thing that resembled a baseball. Moose was not much of a hitter at best, but there are times when the man who swings blindly introduces the element of luck into a contest of skill.

Oily Tom Blake, in the front row of the grandstand, scratched a cigar on his trousers and put a match in his mouth. He was not greatly worried; only anxious that Pete Moreno be given strength according to his need.

Silver Bill Barrett was the last man to leave the diamond. Pausing an instant at the plate, he looked at his watch, and in a stentorian voice which sounded above the howling wind and the pelting rain, Silver Bill called time.

"Oily Tom Blake seized the dripping umpire as he hotted himself into the stand. 'It's called off, ain't it?' demanded the gambler anxiously.

"Rule seventy-four, section one," he bellowed. "If it rains for half an hour, I have the power to terminate the game. Want to see the book?"

"Oily Tom did not wish to see the book. 'But the bets?' he asked. 'They stand, of course.' 'Count 'em up, and finish the game in half an hour!' Tom was begging now.

"Say!" demanded the umpire suddenly, "which club wants a crack at the Red Sox? I'm sure he can beat 'No-decision Freddy.' But it must be in a 20-round fight with a decision; a championship fight, I will not match Dundee against Welsh for a no-decision match.

30-MILE MOTOR-PACED RACE AT POINT BREEZE TONIGHT Bedell, Columbatto and Holstead to Meet at "Drome."

The feature event at the "Drome" at Point Breeze Park for tonight will be a 30-mile motor-paced race between three well-known pace followers: M. Bedell, New York; G. Columbatto, Italy; and J. Holstead, England.

ALEXANDER'S RECORD FOR NINE GAMES Date Team Score R. H. ER. SO. In. June 2—St. Louis 3-0 2 7 11 June 3—Chicago 4-2 3 7 11 June 4—Pittsburgh 4-1 3 7 11 June 5—Cincinnati 4-1 3 7 11 June 6—New York 1-2 3 6 9 June 7—Boston 1-3 3 6 9 June 8—New York 2-0 1 0 0 0 July 9—Pitt. 2-1 1 7 9 Totals 30-11 30 11 36 85

FEDERAL LEAGUE MAY PLACE CLUB IN READING SOON

Poor Showing of Newark Team Causes Authorities to Seek Change—Up State City Considered Good Baseball Location.

READING, Pa., July 10.—Following closely upon the heels of the announcement that the Newark Federal League baseball club would likely seek a more prosperous abode, Hughie McKinnon, well known in local baseball circles as a Federal scout, and E. C. Bauman, business agent of the Newark club, looked up in Reading yesterday, giving credence to the story that this city might be selected as the place for the club's transfer.

Results of Bouts at Gayety In the 105-pound amateur boxing tournament at the Gayety Theatre last night, Billy Crump defeated his opponent, Isaac Crump, in two rounds. Billy Crump, who is a well known amateur boxer, won the title of champion in three rounds.

TWO PHILADELPHIA GOLFERS CARRY THEIR OWN HAZARDS

Willoughby and Pfeil Give Each Other a "Sneeze a Hole"—Various Players Do With Ball in a Trap Before a Green, Wilson Makes a Great Shot.

Carrying one's own hazards around in chess is the last word in golf enthusiasm. This is what Hugh Willoughby, city champion of the Philadelphia Country Club, and W. G. Pfeil, Huntingdon Valley Country Club, did in their match in the club championships, but it was only because they couldn't leave them behind.

WHAT MAY HAPPEN IN BASEBALL TODAY NATIONAL LEAGUE Won. Lost. Pct. Win. Loss. Spill. Chicago 40 30 .571 583 656 599 Philadelphia 38 32 .543 578 652 St. Louis 36 34 .514 576 650 Pittsburgh 35 35 .500 567 693 Brooklyn 35 35 .500 514 686 New York 31 38 .478 498 666 Cincinnati 29 43 .403 448 648 Boston 21 59 .260 458 611

Table with columns for National League, American League, and Federal League, listing team names and statistics.

Advertisement for Point Breeze Park Motor-Paced Race, featuring details about the 30-mile race and ticket prices.

Large advertisement for 'Evening Ledger Movies' featuring a cartoon strip with characters and dialogue bubbles.