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FIVE NATIONAL LEAGUE TEAMS IN DESPERATE BATTLE FOR LEAD

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But 41 Points Separate Chicago and Pittsburgh in Greatest Race Ever Seen in Older Circuit-Double Loss a Hard Blow to Phillies, and Gives Pirates Great Chance to Jump in Lead.

Pittsburgh's double victory over the Phillics, while the Dodgers were winning their fourth straight from the Cubs and the Cardinals taking two from the Braves, completely upset baseball dope, and today finds the first and fifth teams of the National League separated by 41 points. With St. Louis meeting the Phillies and the Glants clashing with the Cubs for the next four days, it is possible that the Pirates may jump from fifth to first place by the end of the week, as they are but three full games behind the Cubs, who are still in the lead, thanks to the Phillies' double defeat.

The National League has been in existence almost twoscore years, but never has it had such a pennant race as it is enjoying this year. Fans marveled at the fact that the Braves, Giants and Cardinals were in the race until the middle of September last season, but judging by present conditions, there are likely to be five, or even six, teams in the running this season until the last month. Often two or three clubs have an excellent chance until the closing stages of the race, but never have all of the clubs been so evenly matched as they are now. It is almo a freak turn of fortune that the two favorites, the Giants and Braves, should be traffing the field this late in the season.

Brooklyn Looks Great, But Phillies Have Chance

Brooklyn's mad race to the top has stirred the fans throughout the country, and at the present time the Dodgers look like the best bet, as they are apparently strong in all departments, while most of the other contenders have shown some fatal weakness at some time or other. The Phillies' chances still look good, despite the fact that they have tossed away several games that should have been easy victories. Any team with two twirlers like Alexander and Mayer, who are almost unbeatable when right, are likely to upset the calculations of a better balanced club by working out of turn in the closing days of the race. . . .

Phillies Just Fail to Land a Smashing Blow; They Get One

Two defeats at the hands of the Pirates were a great blow to the Phillies, but as the Cubs were again beaten by Brooklyn, little ground was lost. The Pirates deserved both victories, as they played by far better ball than the Phillies. Even at that, everything seemed to break with the visitors. In each same the locals had several opportunities to stage winning rallies, but they always fell short of the mark.

Young Al Mamaux went back at Moran's team again, and while he pitched well enough to win, he was plainly suffering from the effects of overwork, and in the closing innings was hit much harder than the score would indicate. Lack of bunting ability cost the Phillies the second game, as the score would have been tied in the eighth inning on Cravath's drive to Wagner had Becker sacrificed Byrne and Stock along. As it happened, Becker failed in two attempts to sacrifice and then fanned. Cravath followed with a hit over second that Wagner converted into a double play. Had the runners been advanced with a sacrifice, the Pirates' infield would have been playing in close, and there would have been no chance for any one to field Cravath's grounder, and both runners would have tallied easily.

The Bunting Game Would Be a Good One to Learn

It might also be mentioned that while the hit-and-run game is good at all times, particularly with only first base occupied, there is a painful lack of bunting ability noticeable with several players. It is always preferable to see certain players hit instead of sacrificing, but it is a handy thing to know. The sacrifice is a much overworked play, and successful ball clubs do not use it much unless the runner is on second with nobdy out. They reason, and undoubtedly correctly, that it is foolish to waste one-third of an inning to advance a man one base unless they are putting the man where he can score from on another play of the same sort or any kind of an out. But that is no reason why some players do not learn to bunt.

Where Old Luck Gave the Phils the Go-by

To say that the Pirates got a wonderful break of luck in the ninth inning of the first game is stating the case mildly. When Manager Clarke removed McQuillan and substituted Cooper, a southpaw, his object was to force Luderus to bat against pitching he does not rellsh, but Clarke's plan worked out entirely different than he expected, but with even more success.

Cooper was sent to the mound to pitch to just one batsman, Luderus, as Mamaux was sent to warm up to pitch to Burns, a right-handed batter. Cooper upset the dope by passing Luderus, filling the bases. Mamaux failed to get in trim soon enough, and Clarke saw that he might just as well take a chance with Cooper against Burns. As a rule, Burns hits southpaws hard, but he sent a drive to Viox, who touched second, doubling Niehoff. It was a tough break for Moran's men, as it seemed they would surely tie or win the game. . . .

* Another Eddie Collins-He of the Pirates' Crew

Fred Clarke has picked up a great youngster in Eddie Collins, who was with the Pirates in the spring, but was sent to Youngstown for further seasoning. Collins was the sensation of the Central League, and Clarke realizing that he had made a mistake in letting him go, sent Scheeren to Youngstown, recalling Collins.

Colling has been hitting hard, is a fast man on the bases and covers as purchased ich ground as any cent er in either league.



REOPEN DOUGLAS CLUB

Stratford, Conn., Sheriff Will Tackle Elongated West Philadelphian Tonight.

Philadelphia fans will have their first opportunity of seeing Battling Levinsky in ring action since his election as Sher-iff at Stratford, Conn., tonight, when he meets Joe Rosen in the feature fray of the recogning of the Douglas A. C. The program follows:

First bout-English Whitey, Tenderloin, vs. English Louis, Tenderloin, Second bout-Johnny McAvoy, North Penn, vs. Preston Smith, 10th Ward. Third bout-Andy Comoly, Tioga, vs. Prarkle Weaver, Manayunk. Benniwind-up-Tommy Cranston, North Penn, vs. Joe Welsh, Smoky Hollow. Wind-up-Batting Levinsky, Stratford, vs. Lengthy Joe Rosen, West Philadelphia. North Mondow Joint of the Unexagender North Mondow Joint of the Unexagender Next Monday night at the Broadway A. C. Jimmy Fryer and Henry Hauber will meet in the wind-up. Tim Logan and Al Kubiak, heavyweights, will clash at the

players who sampled it-an invitation to

have you ordering hirr cut there when he doesn't feel like working. That goes, and don't you forget it!"

Bruno would upset the regular routine of the pitchers who worked in turn; but, by special dispensation, Bruno became a law unto himself. He was "strong" with the owner, who liked him better than all suh," said the major, by way of intro-duction. "Til show you how I ust' rub Misteh Kid McCoy!" the owner, who fixed him better than all the other players on the pay roll. Bruno worked when he was ready, and at no other time; and he made his own calcu-lations with a coolness which exasperated Grubb beyond the mere relief of words. Bruno figured that he should pitch 30 times a season, and he prepared himself for each contest as carefully as a datus on kneading and pinching his bloeps. Major Bones pressed his suit warmly. ations with a coolneas which exasperated Grubb beyond the mere relief of words. Bruno figured that he should pitch 30 times a season, and he prepared himself for each contest as carefully as a debu-tante prepares for her coming-out party. This preparation, which never varied, was util a corremonious affair. ulte a ceremon

ROAMER, TOP WEIGHT. IN SUBURBAN EVENT AT EMPIRE MEETIN

Big Offering Staged Tr morrow at Belmont Par and Will Bring Togethe Fastest Horses on Amer ican Turf.

No racing test of the American turf a ever been able to supplant the Suburba Handleap in point of importance. This the next big offering of the season ait will usher in the meeting of the repire City Racing Association at Beiman Park tomorrow.

Park tomorrow. The Suburban comes at a time when a fairly good line is generally possible of the handicap division, and it always has been a prize that the trainers have ow been a prize that the trainers have even eted. It is a battle of the champions and champions that have usually battled be fore in the Brooklyn and the Reeksal Handicaps, as well as other races of less importance.

Importance. There was no running of the Suburns last year, and the Empire City Assets tion is to be congratulated in reviving event that means so much to the sport With fair weather and a good track with fair weather and a good track the best traditions of the old handles and the name of the winner will proper belong in the illustrious list of the vice

belong in the lifestrious list of the victor that have gone before. Naturally in every handicap the is weights are the horses that attract in most attention. They are the ones the have by their deeds incurred the weight assigned by Handicapper Vosburgh, as it might be said in passing that Mr. Ves burgh never was in better form than has been this season. His handicaps has brought about stirring contests with he few exceptions, and both light and hear weights have had a share of the spoin Never before in the history of the Sub-urban Handicap has a four-year-old cu-ried 130 pounds to victory, but that we be the impost carried by Andrew Miller Roamer if she is sent to the post, whe seems to be well night a certainty. Roam seems to be well nigh a certainty. Roass er was handlcapped by Mr. Vosburgh at 125 pounds, but his hellow victory in the Brookdale Handlcap Saturday will mits him pick up a five-pound penalty.

Whick Broom II, who was winner of the last running, in 1913, under the silks of Harry Payne Whitney, carried the grad-ost weight to victory when he should red 139 pounds, and then to make the victory doubly memorable he ran the mile and a quarter in 2:00, establishing a receit that may stand for many a day. Henry at Navarre, when a 3-year-old in 198, was winner under 129 pounds, and the others to win under big weight have been Bal-vator, Hermis and Ballot, each one of whom carried 127 pounds. Of the us Salvator and Ballot each were fyres, olds at the time of victory.

MALTA BOAT CLUB EVENTS POSTPONED UNTIL SATURDAY

Vivian Nickalls' Crew to Race is Quarter-mile Singles.

The quarter-mile singles shell race is which Vivian Nickalls, Edward Hedio James Marsh and Edward Hariman we to have rowed tomorrow has been po to have rowed tomorrow has been per poned until Saturday afternoon. It event is the feature number on the p gram for the annual field day exercises the Malta Boat Club, which will be in at the Willows, Fairmount Park. In a tion to this event there will be a large number of track and field contents a which more than 75 men have already tered

Following the exercises supper will a served to members and their friends served to members and their There will be dancing also.

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pitch, you send him in. He's the best judge of when he's ready, and I won't

please, and it shocked him to see one of the players rubbing his own arm. The major leaped to the conclusion that Brunc Grubb was furicus He complained that was doing his own work because the former rubber had been incompetent. "Jus' you lemme have that ol' ahm,

by the Athletics in the spring of 1913, when he was with San Antonio, and played against the Mackmen in training camp practice games. His work was first class, and before leaving San Antonio Manager Mack got an option on both Collins and Davenport, the big youngster who is pitching wonderful ball for the St. Louis Federals. Mack never exercised the option on either. Davenport was purchased by the Reds in August of 1913, but he jumped to the Federals in the middle of last season. Collins stayed with San Antonio until last fall. . . .

Mack Probably Discussed Trade of Oldring

Manager Mack and Owner Hedges, of the Browns, held a long consultation in St. Louis prior to the departure of the Mackmen for Chicago, and the old rumor that Baker and McInnis might become the property of the Browns was revived, but our guess is that Rube Oldring was discussed more than any one else. It is a certainty that "Shag" Thompson will be a regular next season, and it is a well-known fact that Mack has another outfielder under cover who will be a regular along with Strunk; so it would be no great surprise if Rube Oldring would play elsewhere before the close of the present season. . . .

Record Slugging Game in Northwest League

A remarkable same was played in the Northwestern League between Victoria and Tacoma. Tacoma won by the score of 21 to 18, and 50 hits were made by the two teams, with 26 going to Victoria. Catcher Haworth, of Victoria, made a home run, triple, two doubles and a single out of five trips to the plate, while Johnson, Grover and Hogan, of Tacoma, and Kaylor, of Victoria, had four hits each, including at least two extra-base hits in There were 19 two-baggers, three triples and one home run made in the game, bringing the total base record up to 78, a record for modern baseball. This game is all the more remarkable because of the high calibre of ball generally played in the Northwestern League.

New York Scribe Has Two-week Siesta

Some people in New York who are slways laughing at "Slowiown," meaning Philadelphia, take an occasional nap themselves. A scribe sent out a report that Hub Perdue, of the Cardinals, was to be traded for Raleigh Aitchison, of Brooklyn. The report read all right, but the scribe overlooked the fact that Aitchison was released two weeks ago and is now pitching fine hall for the Mobile Club, of the Southern League. It would be a good trade from a Brooklyn standpoint, giving something they haven't for a pretty good pitcher.

. . . Great Opportunity for Miller's Roamer

If Andrew Miller's 4-year-old Roamer takes up the heavytop impost of 130 pounds and carries it to victory in the Suburban Handicap, which will usher in the annual meeting of the Empire City Racing Association at Belmont Park, N. Y., tomorrow, she will have established a wonderful record.

Roamer has been consistent. When the Suburban Handicaps were first arranged it was thought 125 pounds would be a sufficient burden. However, Boumer's hollow victory in the Brookdale Handicap last Saturday settled that She will now have to go through the distance with an additional five pounds. It merely shows the respect the handicapper has for the great Miller parformer.

Quaker City. Pat Bradley is anxious to match his proteze, Frankie White, with Bobby Reynalda

Abe Attail has signed a one-year con-tract as chief adviser for Young Brown, of New York. Brown meets Tommy Houck, of this city, at Providence, R. L, in a 12-round go, tomorrow night. Four bouts in as many weeks will be fought by Ad Wolgast, as follows: July fought by Ad Wolgast, as follows: July 19, Gene Delmont, at Memphis; July 22, Leach Cross, at New York; August 6, Joe Weilling, at Duluth, and August 3 he will meet a good lightweight at Oshkosh, Wis.

The Madison Square Garden, New York, will open its season on the night of July 21 or 22. Johnny Dundee will show in the star bout with the best lightweight curable.

Sandy Ferguson, Boston's eccentric heavyweight, will fight again. He is matched with Jim Coffey at Boston on August 10.

Little Italy is all agog over the consis-tent knockout fighting of Mike Russell. His manager, Jos Wenke, believes Russell will be in the local limegiare in the near future.

Joe O'Donnell is dividing his time between the ring and the dance floor. The Gloucester knockout artist is manager of a "spiel parlor" over in Jersey. Harism Tommy Murphy plans a "come-back" campaign. He is training at Cald-

well, N. J., and will be ready to box about October. Murphy has been in the ring since 1963.

ring since 1963. Bill Hess, Philadslphia heavyweight, was knocked out in the third round of a four-round hout at Frisco recently. Bill Hess: Bill Hess! The name is unfamil-iar: a ham fighter probably, who never saw Philadelphia. Philadelphia is ploked on quite frequently by "staw scrappers."

Athletics After Pitcher Nehf

TERRE HAUTE, Inc., July 13.-Arthur Nehr, left-banded pitcher for the local Contral Lengue other, who set a league record last Friday when he shruck out 16 mon, is being whiched by Ira-thousan, of the Philadelphia Athenics, and rear other major leagues scouts, who are now in Terre Haute. The monagement of the local club has refluced all offersy for the pitcher. Nehr has alruck out 154 men in 20 games.



"Now you listen to me," said the owner.

try his "dope" was the highest compli-

ment Bruno knew how to pay-found that it burned like fire and smelled like a Chinese laundry. Smelser made the stuff on the clubhouse stove, boiling a great dishpan full of the mess, and pouring it into jars to cool and harden into a thin jelly. If results were not satisfactory, Bruno would throw out the whole boiling and make up another batch. Charile Grubb was the manager and

When the early birds-and every team has two or three baseball "bugs" who show up at the clubbouse at noon-found all the doors and windows closed, and and the dotte and windows closed, and were saluted upon every by a withering blast which would have done credit to a Turkish bath house, they knew that Bruno was "readying up for a game." He was sure to be sitting by the stove, stripped to the waist and socking in the terrific heat like a salarmander. The other players complained of the heat in the clubhouse-and well they

might, for the weather was usually hot enough to suit any one-but Bruno never paid the slightest attention. One o'clock was the hour set for "limbering up." He would rise and put his left arm through half an hour. Then out would come a two-quart glass jar of the precious "dope" with which Bruno would smear his left

Charlie Grubb was the manager and team captain for the Blue Jays, who held his job in spite of the fact that he was always at war with the owner, Dave Bul-len. Charlie did nor have any particular love for Bruno, and would have been glad to rid himself of the veteran, but

man would cajole some youthful catcher into accompanying him out behind the bleachers, where not a breath of air was bleachers, where not a breath of air was stirring. Here he would shed his sweater and pitch for haif an hour. If the arm "felt all right," he would work for 45 minutes, after which he would put on his sweater again and watch the game from the suppy and of the bench. a gentle course of calisthenics, bending the elbow and stretching the muscles for from the sunny end of the bench.

On the second day the entire process would be repeated; and on the third, if all went well, he would come out from behind the bleachers with a broad grin on his face. "She's there today, boys!" he would "She's there today, boys!" he would say. By which he meant that the ten-thousand-dollar arm was feady to earn

door.

where he had left off.

were thicker.

Its salary. Then, of course, Grubb had no alterna-tive, Smelzer would pitch and Sullivan would catch. A strong friendship existed between Smelzer and Sullivan. Both were veterans, and Sullivan had taken infinite pains to learn Smelzer's peculiarities. With "Steve" Sullivan behind the bat, With "Steve Sullvan benind the bat, Bruno's little atrategies reached their highest power, and away they would go, with Bruno doing the signaling and Steve "hanging out" a set of false signals for the coachers to see and the to the batters. Between them that would becaut the The coachers to see and tip to the batters. Hetween them they would bedevil the opposing players with a thousand and one annoying little tricks. Sullivan keep-ing up a running fire of caustic comment and Smelzer "sneaking" his strike ball over when the batter was least expect-ing it. ing It.

Smelzer grunted in surprise, and went

ies head over heels through a locker

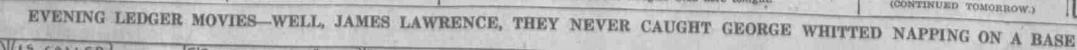
Dressed for public appearance, the old

ing it. By years of practice, Bruno had ac-quired alarming proficiency in one trick which no pitcher was likely to steal from him. It was especially designed for catching a batter off his guard. When-ever Bruno began studying the ground in front of him, Sullivan would know what was coming. The old man would stand in the box, his eyes cast down and his head bent slightly forward. Suddenly, and without raising his head to look at the batter, he would take his step and deliver his "fast" bell, and sine times out of ten he would split the heart of the plate before the amaged hitter could recommended.

Chestnut St. at Broad

Stratford (Conn.) sheriff, who is matched with Champion Jess Willard, at Brighton Beach, Labor Day. Lovinsky meets lengthy Joe Rosen at the Deuglas Club here tonight. recover from his surprise. (CONTINUED TOMORBOW.)

BATTLING LEVINSKY





Then he calmly resumed the rubbing Auto After massage, Smelser would get into a heavy woolen undershirt, his uniform shirt, and, last of all, a great white sweater. Bruno had three sweaters for different sorts of weather. The first one was as thick as a board, and the others were thicker. Road Maps

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