PHILLIES, SO-CALLED "SPRING CHAMPS," COME BACK-"THE TEN THOUSAND-DOLLAR ARM"

BEHOLD THE PHILLIES! PRECEDENT A-SMASH: THEY HAVE COME BACK

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"Spring Champions" Slip Back Into Lead After Customary Skidding, and It Was Alexander Who Did It-A Clever Ruse by Cardinals That Helps Win Games.

When the Phillies opened the season with a rush and went off in the lead In the National League race the majority of the fans throughout the country merely smilled and said something about the "spring champions" being at it again. Then when the team went into a bad slump and dropped back to fifth place about six weeks later these same skeptics said, "I told you so."

Today the Phillies are in first place. True, they hold the position by the bare margin of one point, but the fact remains that this Philly team upset tradition and "came back." Today a large percentage of the same "I-toldyou-so" fans are declaring that they know the Phils would came back, but in truth there were few who really believed that they would ever get back into first place, even if it should be for a day only.

The Phila Have Broken the Precedent

It has been a babit with local National League teams to get off to a good start, but they have always slumped and dropped out of the race in midacason. The past Philly teams who got off to a flying start never came back after losing first position, but the present aggregation has shown its gameness by fighting all the harder when things were breaking against them.

When the Reds staged a ninth-inning rally on the Phillies and defeated them in Cincinnati on June 17 the Phils relinquished the first position to the Cubs, and there was an enormous sum of money wagered that the Phillies would never be in first place again this season, but in less than a month's time the Phils have picked up a four-game lead.

One tradition was smashed when the Phillies came back after being ousted from first place, and baseball experts are asking themselves today whether tradition will be dealt another blow by the Phillies remaining in first place for the remainder of the senson. Whatever the future may bring to Moran's band they have established a precedent and in a seamon that was forecast as a total failure. A 14 14

It Was Alexander Who Pitched Phils Into First Place

It was fitting that Alexander the Great, the king of pitchers, should have pitched the Phillies into first place. Alexander's victory over the Cardinals was expected by the fans, as the big Nebraskan is almost unbeatable at the present time if he receives even fair support from his teammates. The Cardinals failed to score and got but six hits, which were scattered through as many innings, and they never really had a chance after the Phillies tallied their first run in the opening inning. It was the ninth consecutive victory for Alexander and the eighth shut-out game of the year for this marvelous performer. The Phillies' offensive work was high class in all departments, and where

things broke badly in the double-header with Pittsburgh on Monday when various plays were tried the same plays broke the right way for the Phils yesterday. The hit-and-run was worked in great shape, no less than six safe hits being made through the ability of the Phillles to figure the man who was going to cover the bag. . .

Doak's Clever Ruse-Such Helps Win Ball Game, Sometimes

There was a clever little ruse in yesterday's Phillies-St. Louis game that was overlooked by almost everybody, including Umpire Klem. Nichoff overran third on Whitted's hit to Butler, and when the latter threw to third it looked as if Niehoff was out, but Umpire Cockill called him safe. Immediately there was a howl of protest from the St. Louis bench, and Long threw his hat in the air in disgust. Umpire Klem started for the St. Louis bench to chase the offender, but here the Cards pulled off a bit of strategy.

Doak, who pitched on Monday and was, therefore, not likely to be of any use yesterday, quickly slipped off his cap," walked out and picked up Long's. He got away with it, as Klem sent Doak to the clubhouse, while Long was not punished. This enabled Huggins to send Long into the game later. The Phillies had such a lead in this inning that this clever little byplay did no good, but in close games quick thinking like that sometimes makes a great

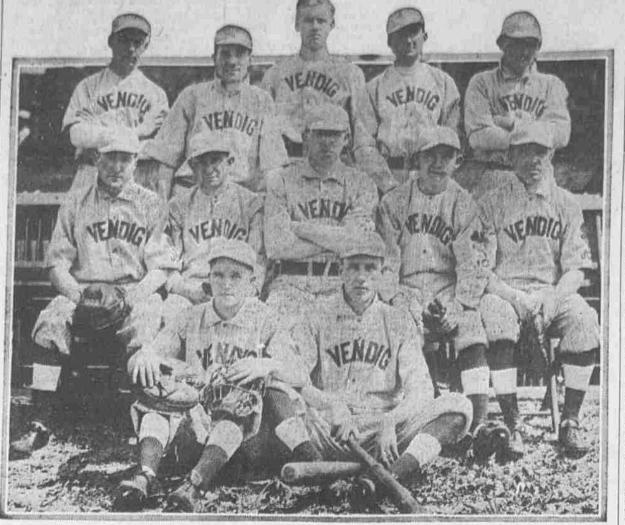
Athletics' New Pitcher a Young Giant

Somebody passed the tip about that Jack Nabors, the highly touted youngster purchased by the Athletics from Newnan, Ga., of the Georgia-Alabama League, was a veteran, but this is incorrect. Nabors is 20 years of age, stands six feet three inches in height and weighs 190 pounds. To date he has won 11 games, lost one and tied one. The tie game was a 15-inning 0-to-0 affair against Anniston, in which Nabors allowed but three hits and averaged better than a strike-out an inning. The greatest performance of the youngster was, of course, his 12-inning hitless game against Talladega, in which but one batsman reached first base.

McGraw Disposes of Promising Young Catcher

The unconditional release of Harry Smith by the Glants is the surprise of the baseball season. This youngster looked dike a wonderful catcher last fall, and Manager McGraw predicted that he would be the best backstop in the country in two years. McGraw believes that he needs vateran catchers agers howled, team captains protested, in the present race, and the signing of Dooin made it necessary for him to but there was nothing in the rules to d Smith out for further seasoning. Smith refused to go to Rochester, and McGraw was forced to release him unconditionally to keep within the 21-player limit, as it was impossible to suspend Smith under the circumstances, and he had risk. already been on the "disabled list."

PAGE MR. BALL GAME! VENDIG BOYS ON THE JOB



The bellhops of the Vendig Hotel have one of the best baseball aggregations in the city. The picture shows, from left to right, top row-Malone, ss.; McDonald, utility; Gary, rf.; Vendig, pitcher; Kelly, 1b. Second row-Allison, lf.; Darrah, 2b.; Connolly, manager; Dunleavy, lf.; McLaughlin, utility. Bottom row-Walsh, c.; Hanlon, utility.

THE TEN THOUSAND-DOLLAR ARM

The Tricks Bruno Knew-Troubles of Charlie Grubb-The Canaries Come to Town and Charlie Has a Most Deplorable Breakdown.

By CHARLES E. VAN LOAN

The World's Most Famous Writer of Baseball Fiction.

Bruno Smelzer, first of the \$10,000 beauty pitchers, and a real one at that, has re-tired to the minors and is pitching 607 per cent, ball for the Blue Jays. He has ene interest in life-his arm, and he takes good care of that. Charlle Grubb, manager of the Blue Jays, wants to get rid of Hruno because Bruno is eccentric, will only pitch when he feels right and is a general nuisance. But tho owner refuses to firs Bruno, who has an extraordinary assortiment of pitcher's trioks.

Another neat trick of the sort required Sullivan's collaboration. Ordinarily foul balls against the grandstand netting were tossed back to the catcher by players from the bench. When Bruno worked, Steve Sullivan did his own retrieving. When Steve picked up the ball he would toss it back to Bruno, who would at once step into the box ready to pitch. Sullivan, returning to the plate, would pick up his mask where he had dropped italways behind the batter and from six to ten feet away from the plate. As Steve plcked up the mask he would address some remark to the batter calculated to extract a reply. If the batter turned his head to answer, Sullivan would drop the mask and dive into position, for the turn of the batter's head was Bruno's cue to slam the ball over for a strike. Manneizer's throwing the ball, and

| the sporting pages of the papers, and this was the situation when the Blue Jays came winging home for the four games which were to close the season. As luck had it, the four games were with the club which was crowding Grubb's men hard

which was crowding Grubb's men hard for the pennant-the Canaries, so called , because it was believed that they had once shown a streak of yellow. There was nothing yellow about the way the Canaries twittered when they rolled into town, needing three games to win the flag. They modestly announced that they would win all four, and the local fans howled. Old Bruno had been parboiling his ten-

Old Bruno had been parboiling his tenthousand-dollar arm for a week, and was far from satisfied with its condition. He had pitched a hard game on the road-12 had pitched a hard game on the road-12 findings-and he felt it from elbow to shoulder and back again. Though he massaged himself industribusly and worked out each day, he congratulated himself upon the fact that "Heinie" Pitt-man, "Beau" Nash and "Dud" Belcher, all reliable pitchers, were going well. Bruno was as sums as an old man need Bruno was as game as an old man need be, but he had no wish to volunteer against so tough an outfit as the Canary batting order. Bruno, being his own boss, liked to pick his victims. Why not? Nash led off for the Blue Jays, and the Beau won his game on cannon-ball speed.

game, came near weeping in the club That night 2000 men and boys waited

That high 2009 men and boys waited outside the park, and the police had to escort Grubb to the street car. A sensa-tional evening paper, which had headed the campaign against Grubb, printed a savage attack upon him, in which it was hinted that the manager had thrown the same in order to paper have it more game, in order to revenge himself upor

anic, in order to revenge himself upon the town. Grubb, whose nerves were in rags, read this article. It was the finishing touch. The next morning Dave Bullen was called out of his bed to answer the tele-phone. He was informed that his man-ager was seriously ill at his hord. The phone. He was informed that his hotel. The overwrought nerves had given way under the strain of months of criticism, abuse and innuendo, and the doctor in charge of the case promptly killed any hope that the manager might be able to appear that afternoon at the park.

"A nervous breakdown, Mr. Bullen," snid the physician. "I have had this man under my care for weeks. The-ah-unfortunate occurrence of yesterday undoubtedly bestered mattern". (CONTINUED TOMORROW.)

ROSEN FIGHTS WELL,

Elongated Joe Rosen, of West Phila-

PHILADELPHIA PUBLIC GOLF LINKS TO BE THE VERY BEST

Course Will Be Open by September, It Is Said—Holes Arranged With Nicest Care—Joe Wortz Makes a Great One at Huntingdon Valley-Baseball and Golf.

Worts was in a quandary. He did nee

kicking up one's heels. The more times the ball is hit in has

If a ball were teed up on one of the chimneys of the 69th street terminal, and hit hard enough, it would more than hikely carry to the new public links which have well under way at Cobb's Creek. According to Jesse T. Vogdes, chief engineer of the Park Commission, under whose direction the links are being built, they will be ready for service by the middle of soft and dropped it to knock the cover strends of golfers in this city who are to his ball with a mashle. They are that they will be opened off the speeted that they will be opened off the speeted that they will be opened off the speeted that they will be opened off the park to the this day be added a new one to his states of the course with an electron the links are being built, they will be ready for service by the middle of the really hit it, so he decided to hundreds of golfers in this city who are to his ball with a mashle. These are a match be tween some of the crack players of the park to get that they will be opened off the park. It is the had showed the best to form the links are being built. He had showed the best to the spectra that they will be opened off the park to get the the bad showed the best of form the links are blay at hole or two. After a drive is the park to get the the bad showed the best to the spectra that they will be opened off the park to get the the bad showed the best to the bad showed the base of the course to the the spectra that they will be opened off the park to get the to the spectra that they will be opened off the park to get the the bad showed the base to form the links the park to get the to the park to get the to be the park to get the to be to the to get the to be to the to the park to get the to be to the to the park to get the to the park to get the to the tot the to the to the to wad of sod over his left shoulder an went back to get it. Then he saw his bal It was imbedded in the sod he had beau ountry.

The course is easily reached. There will be 18 holes, and all experts who have viewed it are united in the opinion that it will be unequaled by any public course backward. in the country.

Worts was in a quandary. He did not feel that he should lose a stroke, is in ball had song backward. Finally is de-cided to replace the divot with his ball imbedded in it. And, holding it dawn with one foot, he made a beautiful "out" without penalty. A modern locker house for women is being erected and another large building is being reconstructed as a locker room for men Baseball players a plenty are taking us the game of golf. Many are said to be able to do a turn on the links in mes figures. Big Chief Bender, Friend Tr Juggernaut Jawn and the Homerable Honus L. are some of the baseball stars who chase par whenever they have a chance. One wonders how they can us ceed. Bareball goes off at right angles to golf. In soif there isn't any yipping or kicking up one's heels.

The country is very favorable for a golf course. It is hilly, woody and there is lots of water. Though work was begun only in May, the fairway is in good shape and all the greens have been built. The first hole will be one of the best

on the course and promises to be the best first hole in Philadelphia. It was purposely made a long one in order to avoid congestion. But the trouble that awaits straying drivers is that it will take a good drive to clear the creek and a ball could easily roll in it if it were inclined that way. Bullrushes, hills, traps and rolling green are some of the other and rolling green are some of the other

ball the better for the player's average, but in golf the more times one hits us ball the worse he stands. and rolling green are some of the other trifles to be overcome. The longest hole will be the 11th. It will be 512 yards and is on the side of a hill. The ball will have to wear spikes to cling to the hillside. Trees are present to harass players and every other bounce the ball takes will land it in a trap. The 12th hole will be an island. It will be a mashle pitch. The green will be pear-shaped, so that it will take fairly good pegging to be on. And in baseball the young man at its bat tries to put the ball over the fence But that would be naughty-naughty is golf. It would be out of bounds and ess would lose a stroke. pegging to be on. The 14th will be a tremendous carry

would lose a stroke. When a batter gets in a hole in has-ball the worst thing he can do is le get out, but when the golfer gets in a hole he tears down the heavens to get out. Again, when a baseball player pulls a fade-away going "home" the stands new with applause, but when a golfer dom a fade-away on the home green-eh, what One blensing is that there is no unput to call strikes when one does the swing-and-miss in golf; that is, exact in over a creek. The creek winds in the shape of an S, zo if one misses the first bend he still has a chance for the second. The 17th will be the most beautiful of the course. It is one of those long "two-shot" holes with par 5. Nobody seems to and-miss in golf; that is, except the and-miss in golf; that is, except the shot" holes with par 5. Nobody seems to make these two shots and that always means trouble. Joe Wortz, all-around everything, in-cluding athlete, at Huntingdon Valley,

WILL COOMBS DO THE EVERS STUNT: LAND WITH WINNER?

By GRANTLAND RICE

their lace flurry? No. But they want have to in order to finish first. Lines to F. Schulte How does it feel to hold your stride There is no terrific amount of class in the National League this season, set any club that can travel from now on at a .600 clip should weave a soft nest b Alone with memories to guide, Where Sheckard starred at Hofman's

Or does your backward vision glance Where Steiny, Evers, Tinker, Chance Once led the league a Merry Dancet

Or do your memories take wing Back where the vanished echoes ring With-"For Chicago-Brown and Kling"

Like spectral shadows down the lea, I wonder if you ever see Gray ghosts of Cubs that Used-to-Bel Fate has turned some queer tricks a its day. It tossed Johnny Evers from

Has fate the same award in view for old-fashioned Jack Coombs? Coomb like Evers, came from a four-time is In phantom whirl across the green To mold again the Old Machine? winner to a strong cellar contender, and it may be that he, too, will collect again The scheme these ribald days seems is

These are bizarre days for Brooklyn

fans. Heretofore their ultimate huzza has faded out around June 10. By that

date each season the cheering had about ceased. But here, all of a sudden, July

the vocal cataclysm has only begun. No wonder the weird shift has tossed Brook-

lyn and environs into a frenzy.

Or, sole survivor of the cast

Gray phosts that gather and careen

Of fame enduring to the last

BUT LEVINSKY WINS

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tree. The Dodgers have as good mat rial as any one else, with greater in-potus, if they fail to suddenly remember some day they are the Dodgers, there a no height two great for them to reach.

Farmer Boy After Gotch's Mat Title

Joe Stecher, of Dodge, Neb., a farmer boy, aspires to become champion heavyweight wrestler of the world. Stranger things have happened. When the present farmer-champion, Frank Gotch, of Humboldt, Ia., was uncovered the experts felt sorry for him.

Stecher's position is much the same. He is, without doubt, one of the most promising youngsters developed in many a day. He was ridiculed by the country's so-called wise ones, until he demanded respect by beating Charley Cutler, at Omaha, July 5, in one of the most surprising bouts ever held there.

Stecher trains on his own farm, millding cows, hoeing corn and doing other farm work. He is said to possess the strongest pair of limbs in the world, and has sarned most of his bouts by employing that familiar crushing scissors hold.

With proper handling he should, in a few years, have the necessary experiance to tackle that giant Iowan in a championship match. He must not be urged along too rapidly, or he will surely suffer the fate of hundreds of others.

. . . Roy Campbell a Great Athlete Despite Crushing Defeat

New York newspapermen are a bit hasty in meting out harsh criticism on Roy Campbell's 660-yard competition-or lack of it-at the Millrose Athletic Club games at Celtic Park last Saturday. Campbell, it must be remembered, made a long trip from Chicago to be present at the meet. Any athlete who has traveled any distance knows that a two-day train ride plays havoc with general condition

Campbell was, in race track parlance, "a bit short" when he started against Meredith and Higgins, and certainly did not show anything like the form he manifested in the West. There he shattered existing sectional records. He was out of his element here in the East, and better things may be expected of him.

It is scarcely to be believed that he can beat Ted Meredith at any distance, but he is a far better athlete than his first performance in this section would Indicate

If doubting New Yorkers will take the trouble to look up his record they will find that he is one of the most wonderful all-around performers in America. That is saying a great deal. . . .

Harry Wolverton, Philadelphian, Recovers From Injuries.

Local fans will be pleased to know that Harry Wolverton, a Philadelphian, who has made a national reputation as a major and minor league manager, was not as seriously hurt/in the recent automobils accident in San Francisco as was first reported, and he is out of the hospital after a month's confinement. It was first reported that there was no chance for Wolverton te recover, but his great constitution came to his rescue. Wolverton is directing the play of San Francisco when the team is at home, but it will he some time before he will be able to take any trips.

Eddie Plank lost a heart-breaking game yesterday when Ward Miller inst a fly ball in the sun with two out in the 14th inning and permitted Chicago to tally two runs. Plank held the Chifeds to three hits and was not scored upon until the 14th. No sign of Plank being ready for the old man's home yet.

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if Sullivan cared to dash over and take one without his mask, that was Steve's

risk. With these and other tricks, too nu-merous to mention and tedious of explana-tion, the ten-thousand-dollar arm con-tinued in the game, and Smelzer, with only a tithe of his strength, held his place and his percentage on the right side of .500. Charlie Grubb, second baseman with the Charlie Grubb, second baseman with the

Charlie Grubb, second baseman with the team for six years and playing manager for four, found his trouble at last A recruit from the wilds of Wyoming literally elbowed the boss out of his place at second. Charlie had no wish to be-come a bench manager, and he hung on as long as he could; but he could not conceal the fact that he was no longer hitting in the 315 class and to make it hitting in the .275 class, and, to make it Michae, his leas were going back on him. McRae, the Wyoming recruit, was not only a sensational infielder, but he could hit like a Delebanty and he was a streak on the bases on the bases. Two or three of the sporting writers

started a campaign to drive Grubb to the bench, and hammered away at him so viciously that the entire baseball population took up the cry, and when that hap-pens it is the wise man who will step aside as quietly and unostentatiously as possible. Grubb was not wise. He took to snarling at reporters, and this was throwing gasoline on the fire. In the end the manager was forced to retreat, and McRae got his chance-and made good.

To make the situation worse for Grubb To make the situation worse for Grubb, the Blue Jays struck a phenomenal win-ning streak, which carried them through the first division and to the top for the first time in four years. As Grubb had been at considerable pains to make enemies out of the newspaper men, the sporting writers at once pointed out that but for Grubb's obstituely and bull-head-edness the team might have been in front much scottar.

The left-field bleacherites-why is it that all the insurgent fans all behind third base -- began attacking Grubb every third base -began attacking Grubb every time he appeared on the coaching lines, and they made his life a misery to him. They called him "poor old man" and sang him the song about the good old wagon that "done broke down." He got no credit for handling a first-place team, and Grubb, who was soured clear through, tried to fight back. He at-tempted to match the insurgent at regartee-one set of brains against a thou-sand, and the olds a thousand to one. Grubb began to brood over his troubles

and Grubb, who was soured clear through, tried to fight back. He at-tompted to match the insurgent at reparts—one set of brains against a thou-send, and the odds a thousand to one. Grubb began to brood over his troubles and fight with Dave Bullen. The insur-ager went so far as to make threats against his persecutors, which crept into

vinsky, the Sheriff of Stratford, Conn., Dud Belcher went in for the second game and sustained a defeat in 11 innings. On the third day poor Charlie Grubb offered his overladen back to the last and who may be put up for Mayor there at

the next election, at the reopening of the Douglas A. C. last night. While Levinsky was an easy winner at the conclusion of the contest, Rosen made a host of friends by his good exhibition

and surprised many spectators by re-maining on his feet at the final gong. For the first four rounds Rosen had Levinsky Suessing at lines with a left jab, which blow sent the Battler's head jab, which blow sent the Battler's head back on several occasion as if his neck was on hinges. Joe's footwork was bril-liant, too, and Bat missed a few hard right-hand punches to the jaw. However, in the last two rounds, Le-vinsky's body punishment had a ten-dency to weaken the lengthy one, and Bat was able to rip up enough right-hand unpercute to make Joe held on

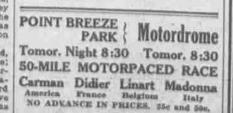
hand uppercuts to make Jos hold on. Posents mays was bleeding at the and of the set-to and he seemed tired, while Levinsky was as fresh as when he first entered the ring.

In the other bouts Joe Welah won from Tommy Cranston, Kid Patillo defeated Charley Smith, Young Carberry trimmed Prankle Wheeler and Preston Smith beat Johnny McAvoy.

Dr. B. A. Cooper and Al Cooper, Cleve-land fight fans, who are vacationing at Atlantic City, came up to Philadelphia last night to see Battling Levinsky in

action. The open-air Garden Club will remain closed for the remainder of the summer. Promoter "Pop" O'Brien has decided to open another arena at Allegheny avenue and B street. The first show will be staged Monday night with Johnny Nelson and Eddle McAndrews in the windup.

Willie Moore, claimant to the weiter title of Pennsylvania, is establishing as envious a reputation on the baseball dia-mond as he has in the squared circle. He is playing a brilliant game of hall for a Southwark aggregation pastiming un-der his name.



National League Park PHILLIES VS. ST. LOUIS Game at 3:30 P. M. Admission, 35, 60 and 75s Best Sents 37, on sale at Gimbels' Spaldings'.

e to leave the top, move to the bottom and whizz back up with the elevator Are such dreams buried with the past?

By Hughey Jennings

My infield is no wonder; My pitching staff's no peach; But what else does a ball club neal With Crawford, Cobb and Veant

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The Case of Coombs

four-time pennant winner to a chron tailender, and within six months John collected his fifth world series stipend

"Schalk,' says Ty Cobb, "is mere val-uable to the White Sox than Column Possibly. And then again-possibly and with the accent on the closing word Nor is this taking one whit of credit from the

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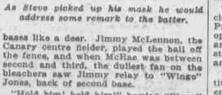
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"Hold him! hold him!" howled "Pigary" owell, who was coaching behind base.

Grubb lost his head completely, and signaled McRae to keep on to the plate, and the boy had no choice but to obey and the boy had no choice but to obey the manager. Wingo Jones whipped the ball home 20 feet abead of McRae-as needless a slaughter as was ever seen on a professional diamond. Coming from any coacher in the world, the blunder would have been inexcusable: coming from poor Charlie Grubb, it near-ly precipitated a riot, and the demonstra-tion swelled tenfold when Shore and