

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

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

"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 smiled and said something about the "spring champions" being at it again.

The Phils Have Broken the Precedent

It has been a habit with local National League teams to get off to a good start, but they have always slumped and dropped out of the race in mid-season.

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.

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 season.

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.

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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, lb. Second row—Allison, lf.; Darrab, 2b.; Connolly, manager; Dunleavy, rf.; 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 Smeler, first of the \$10,000 beauty pitchers, and a real one at that, has returned to the minors and is pitching only per cent. ball for the Blue Jays.

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.

Old Bruno had been paroling his ten-thousand-dollar arm for a week, and was far from satisfied with its condition.

Nash led off for the Blue Jays, and the Bean won his game on cannon-ball speed. 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 straw. The score was a tie at three apiece when the Blue Jays began to hit in the eighth inning—began to hit with one out and Grubb coaching off third base.

Charlie Grubb, second baseman with the team for six years and playing manager for four, found his trouble at last.

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 happened it is the wisest of wisest.

The left-field bleachers—why is it that all the insurgent fans sit behind third base?—began attacking Grubb every time he appeared on the coaching lines, and they made his life a misery to him.

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PHILADELPHIA PUBLIC GOLF LINKS TO BE THE VERY BEST

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

If a ball were teed up on one of the chimneys of the 6th street terminal, and hit hard enough, it would more than likely carry to the new public links which are well under way at Cobb's Creek.

The course is easily reached. There will be 15 holes, and all experts who have viewed it are united in the opinion that it will be unequalled by any public course in the country.

A modern locker house for women is being erected and another large building is being reconstructed as a locker room for men.

The country is very favorable for a golf course. It is hilly, woody and there is lots of water.

The longest hole will be the 11th. It will be 312 yards and is on the side of a hill.

The 14th will be a tremendous carry over a creek. The creek winds in the shape of an S, so if one misses the first hole he still has a chance for the second.

The 17th will be the most beautiful of all. It is one of those long "two-shot" holes with par 5. Nobody seems to make these two shots and that always means trouble.

Joe Worts, all-around everything, including athlete, at Huntingdon Valley.

WILL COOMBS DO THE EVERS STUNT: LAND WITH WINNER?

By GRANTLAND RICE

Lines to F. Schulte How does it feel to hold your stride Alone with memories to guide, Where Sheppard starred at Hofman's side?

Or does your backward vision glance Where Steiny, Evers, Taylor, Chance Once led the league a Merry Dancer?

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-Be!

Gray ghosts that gather, one by one, To frolic once more in the sun From lost campaigns, forever done!

Gray ghosts that gather and career In phantom whirl across the green To mold again the Old Machine!

Or, sole survivor of the cast Of fame enduring to the last, 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 need With Crawford, Cobb and Vean!

"Schalk," says Ty Cobb, "is most valuable to the White Sox than Collins." Possibly. And then again—possibly not. With the accent on the closing word—let that be what one whitt of credit from the best catcher in the game.

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