# BROOKLYN SHOWS POWER IN ATTACK AND DEFENSE—"THE CRAB," BY C. E. VAN LOAN

#### IF BROOKLYN CRACKS, PITCHING WEAKNESS WILL BE THE CAUSE

Dodgers Have Probably Best Balanced Club in League, But Manager Robinson Is Ruining His Already Uncertain Twirling Talent

John McGraw, manager of the Giants, declares that the Brooklyn team will blow up before the 1st of September. McGraw does not give any reason except that it would not seem natural to see either the Dodgers or Phillies winning a pennant. McGraw is deceiving himself in regard to the strength of the Dodgers and Phillies, just as several other leaders are. This waiting for the Phils and Dodgers to crack is getting to be a joke. It is just like the way they waited for the Braves to crack last season.

A Western scribe wants to know just why the fans think that Brooklyn has a chance to win the pennant. The only answer to that question is that the bestbalanced team in the league would naturally expect to have a chance unless it

was crippled by accidents.

The greatest handicap the Brooklyn team has is its manager, Wilbert Robinson. Robinson made a remarkable reputation as a developer of pitchers, and yet, like Charley Dooin, he has proved bimself incapable of handling a pitching staff properly. It must be admitted, however, that Robinson has not as much natural pitching talent as some of the other pennant contenders.

#### Poor Pitching Staff Real Weakness of Dodgers

About the only real pitchers the Dodgers have are Jeff Pfeffer and Sherrod Smith. Coombs and Rucker are both clever, crafty twirlers, but neither is strong enough to carry the burden during a pennant rush. Perhaps, if the pennant race were to be decided in one game, either Coombs or Rucker could go to the mound and win on his brain; but that sort of pitching is not the kind that wins in a mad race such as the present National League jumble. It is the big, strong, consistent twirlers who turn the tide in a battle of this sort.

Brooklyn has Dell and Appleton, two promising recruits, but they are not experienced enough for a gruelling race. Appleton proved this when he fell victim to a heary ruse by Huggins, who was coaching at third base in a recent game at St. Louis. Inexperience is the greatest handicap imaginable to a young pitcher, when one little move may change the whole aspect of a game. Phil Douglas has great ability, but he cannot be depended upon in a pinch.

#### Brooklyn Has Probably the Best-balanced Team in League

As a ball team, the Dodgers are just a triffe stronger than any team in the league, and have been for two years. It is easily the best batting team in the Tener circuit; the fielding, particularly in the infield, is as good as any and better than the average, while it is the best hit-and-run club in the National League. It could be better on the bases, but with a good hit-and-run team base running deficiencies do not show so clearly.

Daubert, on first, is generally credited as being the best first sacker in the league. Cutshaw, on second, is a hard and timely hitter and a by far better fielder than the average. O'Mara, at short, is one of those rare, young, scrappy ball players who is in the game all the time and more than holds up his end in all departments. On third, Getz probably could be improved upon offensively, but there is not a third baseman in the league, barring Bobby Byrne, who can

#### Strong Fielding and Catching Big Asset

Wheat Stengel and Myers form a strong and well-balanced outfield. A number of outfielders might be considered better on the defense and a few might outhit or outrun them, but for all-around efficiency there is hardly a better outfield in the league. Stengel has not been batting as well as he should, but he is a natural hitter who is likely to break up a game at any time with a long drive

Behind the bat the Dodgers are well fortified, with Miller and McCarty Neither is a Schalk or a Killefer, but both are better than the average. They have never had columns in newspapers because of the brainy handling of twirlers, but they are clever and have a thorough knowledge of the weaknesses of

#### One More Twirler Might Settle Race Right Now

All things considered, the Dodgers have an edge, and a fairly large one, on any team in the National League for all-round efficiency. It could stand a little more brainwork, both in the playing and managerial ends, and one star twirler who could hold the team up and stand out above the other members of the staff as do Alexander, Mamaux, Faber, Rudolph and Foster. Any one waiting for the Dodgers to crack may have a long wait.

Poor road work has been the greatest drawback to the play of the Dodgers but it is best not to count on them falling down again on the road. In the stretch, with two or three teams running neck-and-neck, ball teams that have always been weak on the road sometimes forget where they are playing and continue at a dizzy clip, as the Braves did in 1914.

### Phillies Have Set Mark in Taking Season Series From Braves

Winning the season's series from the Braves in 18 games is a feat. By capturing yesterday's contest the Phillies turned the trick. Four games remain to be played. Yesterday's victory was the 12th of the season from the world's champions, while but six defeats have been suffered. The remarkable effectiveness of Alexander and Rixey has been responsible for this complete rout.

Alexander faced the Braves six times this season and has won five games in clean-cut style. His only defeat, at the hands of Tyler, was due to poor sup-

and lack of batting by his teammates. Eppa Rixey turned in four victories over Stallings' team and allowed only one run in three games and scored a shut-out yesterday. He was beaten once, in

Boston, the score being 5 to 4 in 11 innings, with James the winner,

#### Rixey Should Soon Be Best Southpaw in National Circuit

Seldom has Eppa Rixey pitched better ball than he did in the final game of the Braves' series yesterday. The Beancaters were as nearly helpless before his southpaw shoots as it is possible for a team to be, and they had but one real chance to score. That was in the sixth inning, when Magee was purposely passed, filling the bases, to allow Rixey to get at Schmidt. The wisdom of this move was apparent, as Rixey fanned Schmidt, the big first base-

Lack of confidence was a serious handlcap to Rixey until the present season was well under way, but Yesterday he appeared to be absolutely certain of the result throughout. There is no reason why Rixey should not speedily develop into the best left-hander in the game, now that he has gained this confidence. There is not a pitcher in either league with more natural ability, and Rixey adds to this the best control of any southpaw, barring Eddie

#### Phillies Have Crushed Spirit of the Braves

The manner in which the Phillies worked the double squeeze brought cheers from the crowd and recalled the greatest days of the Mack machine. when this play was made time and again, even when the opposing team was expecting it. Brilliant and heady playing marked the work of the Phillies throughout the series, and no team was ever more completely outplayed in all departments than the Braves.

It must be admitted that the majority of the breaks of luck during the series went to the Phillies, but that is all in the game. The breaks generally go with the team that is playing winning ball and forcing them. The Braves blame two of their defeats on these breaks, but they should remember that team ever had luck running their way as the Bostonians them-

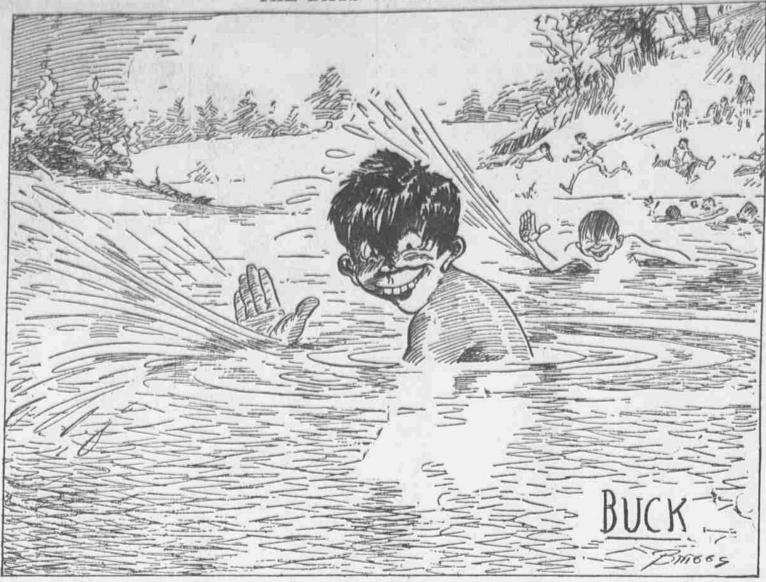
#### . . . Rowdyism of Boston Team Serious Reflection on Tener

There is no explanation or excuse needed. The Braves were beaten and completely outplayed by a team that played better and more up-to-date ball. The actions of the Braves in the ninth inning were a disgrace, and there was absolutely no cause for the needless delay in the same when Rudolph, Egan and Tyler were sent from the field. Both Egan and Tyler walked across the neld in a tantalizingly deliberate manner, and nothing that Umpire Klem could do would hurry them.

The fact that President Tener has allowed the Braves to play the rowdy game throughout the season is to blame for this show of muckeriam. Stallings' mes have getten away with so much without being punished, as other players are, that they have no fear or respect for the umpires. It is about time the other duha step in and find out just why these things are allowed to take

If this owners would see to it that the players paid the fines, a lot of these implement features would be eliminated. Rudolph, Egan and Tyler were fixed by Umpire Klem yesterday, but each coaxed another fine, knowing that President Gaffney mere than likely would foot the bill.

THE DAYS OF REAL SPORT



### **BEECHER-M'ANDREWS** BATTLE FEATURE GO AT DOUGLAS TONIGHT

Intercity Match Head-liner on Local Boxing Program -O'Toole Likes "Wrist-watch" System of Tolling "Ten."

Wille Beecher, New York's rugged fighter, who has appeared here in bouts with Tommy Langdon, Teddy Maloney, Pat Bradley, Charley Thomas and Sam Robideau will be opposed to Eddle McAndrews at the Douglas Club tonight. Moe Greenbaum has the Gotham gloveman battling in his old-time form, and he will endeavor to hook up Willie with the best at his sweight. best at his weight.

The program follows: First bout-Johnny Morgan, North Penn, vs. Patsy Kline, Southwark, Recond bout-Charley Austin, Southwark, vs. Battling Tefky, Baitimore, Southwark, vs. Jos Larigue, Philisdelphia. Semiwind-up-Joe Tuber, 12th Ward, vs. Semiwind-up-Joe Tuber, 12th Ward, vs. Wind-up-Eddie McAndrews, Manayunk, vs. Wilnd-up-Eddie McAndrews, Manayunk, vs. Wille Beecher, New York.

Tommy O'Toole, retired Port Richmond forming O Toole, retired Port Richmond featherweight and one of the cieverest boxers ever developed in this city, believes, with other boxing celebrities here, that the "wrist-watch" system of counting over a fallen fighter would be successful. It should be added to local boxing rules and the sooner the better, says O'Toole. He is back home after finishing a contract in the West behind the form contract in the West behind the foot

Frank Moran and Jim Coffey have their 10-round bout in New York Oc

Kensington is represented by three leading boxers of different divisions—Joe Bor-rell, middleweight; Johnny Duffy, welter-weight, and Johnny Nelson, lightweight.

Sir-If referee decisions are given in New York this year, will it be possible for a champion to lose his title in a 10-round bout?

J. P. MAC.

When the new staff of the New York Boxing Commission takes its office, Oc-tober 1, decisions may be rendered for the ensuing year. Promoters, critics and fans are making a great plea for referee

### RIVAL BIKE RIDERS IN 50-MILE RACE

Carman, Wiley, Linert and Bedell to Compete at Point Breeze Thursday

Thursday night at Point Breeze Park Intraday night at Point Breeze Park motordrome will mark another annal in motorpace history when Carman, the world's champion; Wiley, ex-world's champion of last year; Linert, the Belgium champion, and Bedeil, of Long Island, the noted six-day endurance rider, meet in a 50-mile motorpace race.

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After the race on Thursday night last Wiley asked for another chance at Carman over a longer route, and Manager Roden consented, but insisted that Liners, of Belgium, he also entered, as it was the latter's ambition to ride against Carman and Wiley. After a conversation over the long distance phone, Liners accepted, with Bedell as the fourth entry, who was signed up on the spot on acwho was signed up on the spot on ac-count of his having attended the Wiley and Carman match as a spectator.

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Carman stated that he will lower Wiley's record of 1.02.40 for 50 miles Thursday night, and with this thought in mind, and also Wiley's desire to regain the championship, the pace will be nothing short of phenomenal.

As an additional incentive, David Netter, a noted wine merchant of this city, and two other motorpace enthusiasis, have offered an additional bonus of 1000 each provided the winner covers the distance within one bour. It is, therefore, the commences of opinion that this race will be without par.

### THE CRAB

The Beginning of the Tenth Year—The Crab Pegs Low and the Manager Worries a Bit-The Crab Gets a Token-But the Arm Isn't There

By CHARLES E. VAN LOAN

"I'll bet he'll be playin' ball when his ons are old enough to be in the soldiers' home. He takes it so easy that he'll last a long time; but if that wing of his ever goes back on him-well, he's got a right nice place out there in Kansas. And he'll be enting canvasback duck when a lot of these 8000-a-year boys are tryin' to raise the first installment on a postage stamp!

When Gilman reported at the beginning of his 10th year in the big league, he was just as quiet, and just as bald. and just as retiring as ever. While the youngsters on the team were tearing into their training with a vim which left them racked and sore, the old Crab, wise veteran of many spring camps, took his



time at the conditioning, and was soon in his old form. "How're the babies, Henry?" asked the manager, one night.

The Crab grinned. It would have been worth telegraph tolis had a newspaper man seen this phenomenon.

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"Fine, Joe!" said Gilman. "There's another one now."

"Nice work!" commented Holmes.
"Ranch all right?"
"Sure!" said Gilman. "Cleared three thousand last year."

"Huh!" said the manager. "You might have been a little easier on me alout that contract, then. When you going to buy an automobile?"

might have been a little easier on me about that contract, then. When you going to buy an automobile?"
The Crab grinned again.
"Jennies' had an electric runabout for two seasons now." he said. And then, as if ashamed of himself, he rose quickly and went indoors.

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"Wish I had a carioad like him!" sighed the manager.
Toward the end of the training season, Holmes, who kept a close watch over his players, went into conference with Carsey, his team captain. "How's the Crab throwing this year?" Holmes asked.

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"I was going to talk to you about that," said Carsey. "Today in that game with the colts, he kept pegging low. You know that's unusual for him. He's been doing it for a week. He's been playing ball ever since George Washington was a boy, and that old wing is goin' to weaken some time. That's a

cinch. You watch him, too, and I'll keep that new Johnson kid from the California League, for the present. He's some third baseman himself."

"Yes," said Holmes slowly. "But he ain't the old Crab."

After that Gilman was under close scrutiny. He was fielding as well as he had ever done in his life, but when it came to getting the ball across the diamond, there was a difference. Something was gone from the graceful, full-arm swing which Holimes knew so well. Carsey solved the problem.

"I'll tell you what it is," said be. "The old boy is trying to snap 'em now. He never did that before. Shows that it's gettin' to be an effort for him to get 'em over there. That looks bad, Joe. When a man begins tryin' to throw, his wing doesn't last long. Think I better say anything to him?"

Holmes shook his head.

The season opened with the Crab on The season opened with the Crab on third base. The fans, in their joy at the beginning of the baseball year, did not overlook the fact that the Crab was beginning his 10th year with the team. Some of the men at the Stock Exchange, who had watched Gliman for nine years and hoped to watch him for nine years more, presented him with an immense floral horseshoe, inside of which was the figure "16."

The umpire made the presentation speech the first time that the Crab came to the bat. Gilman forgot himself and removed his cap, exposing a shining pate, and thereafter the cheering was not un-mixed with laughter. Gilman was the only man on the team who had never received a floral tribute in his life, and this was probably the reason he struck out on three slow curve balls, and was still blushing as he walked back to the

But he paid a boy a dollar to take the But he paid a boy a donar to take the floral horseshoe to his room at the hotel, and the next morning he sent for a pho-tographer and had his picture taken in his Sunday clothes standing beside the good-luck emblem.

The horseshoe remained in Gilman's room until the carnations faded to a dirty yellow, and when the team went on the road a few of the withered flowers, neatly wrapped in tissue paper, were in the top tray of the Crab's traveling trunk, along with the pictures of the wife and the children.

At the end of the first month every man on the team knew that there was something the matter with Gilman's arm. He fielded as cleanly as ever, he was hitting around .255, but men who never beat out infield hits on him before were beating them out this season, (CONTINUED TOMORROW)

#### WHAT MAY HAPPEN IN BASEBALL TODAY NATIONAL LEAGUE

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### MACKMEN ON ROAD TO DETROIT, WHERE **NEXT SERIES BEGINS**

Last Invasio nof West for Season of 1915—Rube Bressler in Fine Form Against the Yanks

Just when the fans were about convinced that Rube Bressler belonged to some Class Z league, the big southpaw came through with one of the best games of the season in the American. In the final game against the Highlanders Bressier allowed but one hit and won a pitching duel from Ray Caldwell. Bressler never pitched a better game

than he did yesterday, and New York scribes insist that it was the finest performance of the year on the Polo Grounds. To help things along, Bressler lifted the ball into the left-field seats for the first run of the game. This drive proved enough to win, but the Mackmen added another run to clinch the victory. After the game the Mackmen left for Detroit, where they open their final West-ern trip of the season. Manager Mack has little hope for a good record on the trip, but expects some of his recruits to show great improvement before the team comes back to Shibe Park.

#### DIGGINS WINS OVER HANNON

Earns Honors of Well-contested Bout at Broadway A. C.

In the final bout at the Broadway Ath-letic Club last night Willie Hannon and Young Diggins boxed six fast, exciting rounds, which resulted in a well-earned victory for the latter. The South Philadelphia Boys' Club boxer set a rapid pace in the early part of the contest and the quickness with which he delivered a neat one-two punch to the jaw had Dig-gins in a quandary for the first couple of rounds. Diggins was the first to score blood, sooking a short left to Hannon's head,

which started the blood from the latter's nose in the first round.

### FIVE DAYS' RACING AT BYBERRY FAIR

Philadelphia County Fair, Sept. 1-6 to Be Mecca for Horsemen-Colt Races Attract

The Philadelphia County Fair Associa-tion grounds are being put in shape for the fair September 1-5 inclusive. The track is in the best of condition now, and when the horsemen from all parts of the East-ern States vis for honors they will reserve ern States vie for honors they will race over a fast course.

Many features will be added to make this a banner year. The proposed Mid-way will be novel, and the various ad-ministration buildings will have on exhibi-tion the products of Pennsylvania farm-

era.

In the racing line the colt contests are creating considerable interest. On the third day's program a two-year-old and three-year-old trotting race will hold the

James Bell, of this city, has named Di-James Bell, of this city, has named Directum Bingen and a bay colt, by General Watts, and Frank Masland, of Somerion, will bank on Joker D. Laird. A Mount Holly turfman, P. Weisenborn, has entered Hattie Woolston. A. B. Coxe, of the Nawbeek Farms, Paoli, will depend on Peter Allen and Michaelson to carry the honors to his Main Line ranch.

In the three-year-old trot a better lot of horses could not be found. They are all royally bred. This is the Hyberry Stakes, and has attracted coits and filles from as and has attracted coits and filles from as far south as Virginia. Many local breeders have their best coits in this big event.

## BRAVES ALL IN. DOWN AND OUT. PLAYER ADMITS

Pennant Hopes Gone and Team Is Resigned to Loss of Title

POOR PITCHING CAUSE

Boston Star Thinks Phils Have Best Chance to Win National Pennant

The Boston Braves, baseball cham

pions of the world, apparently are through so far as pennant chances are concerned This was the impression gathered to 10,000 fans who saw the Phillies win their third straight game from Stallings' team To have the Braves admit they have cracked was thought to be impossible But even before yesterday's defeat con of the most important cogs in the brave machine told the Evenino Ledger repre-sentative that the champions were out of the running.

of the running.

This player did not care to have he name used, as he said it would "make the chief sore, but he admitted that he know when the team hit Chicago on its has Western trip that it was on its last ice and could not hope to stand the pace Stallings still believes he will win, and insists that every member of the team shall have the same spirit, but the player in question, who was one of the main causes of the downfall of the Mack machine, declares that the players themselves really don't think they have a chance.

"We are going to fight to the finish, but you can't win in a race like the without pitchers. Rudolph is the only man we have who is capable of going through a battle like this has been, and Dick has been up against it," said the star. "Opposing teams have saved their ber

"Opposing teams have saved their best pitcher to go up against Rudolph each series, as they realized that we did not have James and that Tyler was not so good as he was a year ago. As a result Rudolph, our only hope, has lost game after game that would have been an easy victory against ordinary pitching. Why this fellow Alexander has beater Rudolph about five times this season, and you know that hurts the confidence and puts a team on the defensive right at the start of a series when your star gate puts a team on the defensive right at the start of a series when your star gets beaten. That is wiy the Phillies had a hard road in the West. Alexander was picked off in the opener of three straight series and the moral effect was great. "I still think we are the best team is the league and that we will come beek strong hext season. The poor condition of Evers right from the start and James' failure to round into form took we defined.

of Evers right from the start and James' failure to round into form took us oft to a bad start, when we should have gone out in front and destroyed the confidence of the other contenders.

"Stallings says we will win yet, but I don't think so, and I don't think any of the boys do, but don't tip the 'Chist' off that I said this, because he will be sore on me forever.

"You have a better ball team here is Philly than you think. It is a team

"You have a better ball team here is Philly than you think. It is a test that is stronger than it looks. It he played better ball against us than ar team in the league, and while the collooked better in our last series in Cago, the Philly pitching staff is stronger for the grind. I have not seen the Dodgers for some time, but I don't this they can stick along with the Phillies Alexander can go into the last three a four weeks of the season in his present condition.

"This fellow Rixey is some pitcher, too A lot of you fellows were panning his for lack of confidence, but he has all that he needs now. There are few lefthanders in the game better, and I don't this there are any in our league who look good right now. The Phillies have a great chance. In fact, I like their chance better than any other team in the league But just remember the Braves will be

back on the job next season."

The scribes traveling with the Braves seem to feel the same way about the world's champions' chances. Nick Flats ly, of the Boston Post, said he had believed the Braves were through for the senson two weeks ago and that he was sure the players all feel the same way about it. Jack McGrath, of the American, agrees with Flately, and both of the Beantown scribes believe that the Philies are sure to win out.

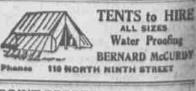
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"See you in Boston for the world's series between the Phillies and the Hell Sox," was the farewell greeting of the Boston scribes, and Secretary Nickersea also chimed in on this suggestion. "We can't best you." can't beat you any more in this league but we will still have a world's champion when the Red Sox get through with Moran's team."

Perhaps they might be right about that but one will have a hard time convincing any of the National Leaguers that any team in the world can beat the Phillis with Alexander the Great in his present form, which he is likely to retain till the

mish.

With the feeling expressed by the Braves' star and the scribes prevalent in the Boston camp, it would be nothing short of a miracle for Stallings to win out now, and the local fans and the Philip learn may now turn their attention to Brooklyn and root for the slump that most people believe is coming to the Robins.



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