# FIVE BALL TEAMS REST HOPES ON STAR PITCHERS-"THE CRAB," BY C. E. VAN LOAN

# ONE BRILLIANT PITCHER EACH KEEPS FIVE CLUBS UP IN RACE

Alexander, of Phils; Mamaux, of Pirates; Faber, of White Sox; Foster, of Red Sox, and Fisher, of Yanks, Teams' Mainstays-Reds Becoming Really 'Uppish'

One week ago Pittsburgh was picked as a likely pennant winner in the National League, but today the club is back in the second division, and probably will stay there. One sensational pitcher kept the Pirates in the race for four months, and the value of one star was never more apparent than in the case of the Pirates this season.

Al Mamaux, unheralded and a "dark horse," is responsible for the Pittsburgh club making thousands of dollars just when it seemed, after the miserable 1914 showing, that the team had no hope for anything better than seventh or last place and a poor financial year.

Several other major league clubs have been up with the leaders through the brilliancy of one pitcher and fairly consistent twirling by the rest of the staff. While the rest of the Philly staff has pitched great ball throughout the season, there is no denying the fact that Alexander the Great has been the main cog in the Phillies' machine. Urban Faber's brilliancy was mainly responsible for the flying start of the White Sox; George Foster kept the Red Sox in the race when the others of the staff were in poor shape, while Ray Fisher took the High-

Detroit and Brooklyn Lack Brilliant Twirler

Detroit and Brooklyn are in quite a different situation. Either team probably would go out in front with a rush if it had one twirler who could perform similar feats to those accomplished by Alexander, Mamaux, Foster, Faber and Fisher. Neither team has a twirler who can really be termed an extraordinary performer, and must slug its way to the pennant if it wins.

Pittsburgh is hovering about the .500 percentage mark; but Mamaux has won 18 games and lost only six. Faber has 18 victories to his credit and eight defeats; Poster has 17 victories, out of 22 games; Fisher has turned in 16 victories and lost eight games, with a team that is just a few points above the .500 mark, while Alexander has won 21 of the 55 games won by the Phillies.

These figures prove the value of one star twirler to a team. Early in the season Mayer was keeping step with Alexander, and the Phillies gained a big lead. Since Mayer let up, Demarce and Rixey have come along, and either is likely to prove the needed man to clinch the pennant for the Phillies. If either Mayer or Rixey can go at a .700 clip for the rest of the season, the Phillies should win the pennant, hands down.

Mamaux Handled Just Like Alexander

Pittsburgh has worked Mamaux much in the same manner Moran has used Alexander, although the Pittsburgh youngster has not been in so many games, Mamaux has been sent to the mound in the opening game of almost every series and he has invariably started off with a victory, giving the Pirates a big edge on their opponents. The Pirates play like champions with Mamaux on the mound, and have been almost unbeatable; but without the Dormount youth hurling, Clarke's team generally looks like a minor league aggregation.

National League players marveled at the ability of the Pirates to stay up in the race as long as they did; but after looking over the figures the only answer is Mamaux. This youngster has been particularly effective against the Phillies

Cincinnati Reds Get Hilarious Over Victory

Cincinnati's mad dash in the National League race has excited commenthroughout the country, and the fans have been wondering how that club is doing it. One visit to the Cincinnati dressing room after the Reds have won will convince anybody that there is a reason for this sudden spurt. That reason is the existence of harmony and enthusiasm. Herzog has released several dissatisfied veterans and now has a young, hustling team that is bound to succeed.

After beating the Phillies yesterday the Reds celebrated in collegians' style. There was much singing, hand-shaking and congratulations passed around, and everybody seemed to be thinking of only one thing, and that was a better position

Manager Herzog declares that the Reds will finish third. This looks like an almost impossible task; but if the Reds continue at their present clip, they will make a few teams in the first division hustle.

### Reds Have Won Eight Out of Last Nine

Eight of the last nine games played have resulted in victories, despite the fact that Herzog has not a single pitcher on his staff, barring young Lear and Schneider, who was with the team at the close of last season

The pitching burden is being carried by Schneider, Dale, Toney and Mc-Kenery, with Lear, the ex-Princeton star, as relief pitcher. Incidentally, the Reds are carrying only 17 men; but all of them are hustling, and the team looks

Toney Probably Made Record on Number of Balls Pitched

It is a pity that no count was taken of the balls pitched by Fred Toney in beating the Phillies yesterday. The game was half over before the spectators awoke to the fact that the big Southerner was not pitching many halls in retiring the leaders. In the eighth and ninth innings it required only eight pitches to dispose of the side, despite the fact that two Philly players made hits in the final

Toney pitched four balls to Bancroft in the eighth and only one each to Byrne and Paskert. In the ninth Cravath singled on the ft.st ball pitched, and Luderus hit into a double play on the next pitch. Whitted then singled on the first ball and Niehoff popped up on his first try. It is likely that Toney surpassed all previous marks in this respect, and it is unfortunate that the count was overlooked entirely. . . .

Bad Fielding Loses Another Game for Alexander

The Phillies never had much of a chance to score, and ball games cannot be won without runs. Four hits were all that Moran's men could get, and only few hard chances were offered Toney's support. While Toney pitched grand ball, he did no better than Alexander the Great. Alexander pitched well enough to have shut out his opponents in nine games out of ten; but an unfortunate misjudgment of a fly ball by Whitted started the Reds off to a victory. Had Whitted caught Griffith's easy fly, it is likely that the Reds would have been retired without a score in the fifth inning. An infield hit and a pass followed and filled the bases for Mollwitz, who doubled, sending home the winning runs. Cincinnati never threatened to score in any other inning, and it was another

hard-luck defeat for Alexander. The Philly star pitched his most effective game of the season against the Reds, as Herzog's hastlers have batted the king of pitchers harder than any team in the league to date. It was the third defeat for Alexander at the hands of the tailenders and, like his recent defeat in Cincinnati, was due to lack of hitting by his teammates and a slip in the field.

To a certain extent Alexander has no one to blame but himself for the defeat, as he might have pulled out of the hole in the fifth inning had he not wasted too many pitches on Wagner. He had the Reds' second baseman two and nothing and then gave him four straight balls, trying to work him. In both appearances at the plate Wagner looked bad, and fanned each time. Chances favored his doing likewise, with two strikes and no balls in the fifth, and this would have changed the whole game.

Jack Coombs and Christy Mathewson, two of the most famous twirlers the grand old game has turned out, had a little pitching duel in New York yesterday, with Coombs the winner. It was Coombs' third victory over the Giants this season and New York scribes declare that Coombs appeared to be stronger and faster than at any time this season. If true, this is bad news for the

#### . . . Donovan Digs Up a Gem in Philadelphia

"Wild Bill" Donovan took a run over to his home in this city last week, and when he returned to New York he had with him a 17-year-old Philadel-phian who has caused considerable comment among the Yanks and visiting teams at the Polo Grounda because of his great pitching ability.

The lad's name is Havlin, according to Donovan; but a careful search of back flies of newspapers reveals no pitcher of that name in local independent circles. Denovan says he picked him up off the lots, and intends to school him right in New York. Who is this lad? Is he one of the local or nearby scholastic stars under an assumed name?

C. Johnson, of the Upland team, leads the fielders in the Delaware County League with a clean slate-1000 per cent. In 18 games the Upland star has not made a hobble. He accepted 25 chances and is credited with five assists. Johnson is batting at a fair clip-250-having faced the pitcher 68 times, registering It hits and six runs.



## THE CRAB

The Crab Saves Trouble for the Manager-A New Man Pittsburgh Feds Cannot Sell, Trade or Local Fighter Owes Defeat to His Own on Third Coached by the Old One. The Pennant Race

By CHARLES E. VAN LOAN

it, Henry."
"I aln't worryin' about myself," said

the Crab. "I've got the place, you know. It ain't as if I didn't have any-

ence with the manager, had been a hard-

The next day the new man played

third base, and played it so well that by the end of the third inning Charlle Brydon wired his paper that the old Crab was on the bench with osmification

of the right claw, and "Shrimp" Johnson, the new man, was playing like a star of the first magnitude.

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Johnson won an ovation from the crowd by some very fancy fielding, and a few lightning shots to Carsey, and the old Crab, sitting on the ground at the end of the bench, nodded to his successor as

ohnson came trotting back after the

You're going to do all right, kid," said

Gilman, "but play a little mite farther back for Burke, and closer to the bag

and lams one down over the bag a mile a minute. You're doing fine!"

Joe Holmes heard it, and his heart warmed toward the veteran, who, with-

out bitterness or jealousy, was doing his best to equip a man to fill his shoes. This does not happen often in any league,

By midseason it was a generally ac-

cepted theory that the old Crab would be seen no more on the regular line-up, and by the middle of September, so short

and by the middle of September, so short are our memories for those who amuse us, he was almost forgotten. Gliman worked out faithfully every day, but the power was gone from his arm. He was no longer able to "arch 'em over to first." Several times he asked for his release, but Holmes, always cautious, refused it. "You're worth a salary as a pinch-hitter!" the manager would say. "You wouldn't quit me when it looks like I'm about to win a pennant, would you?"

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The home town, cherishing hope for the first time in eight long, loyal years, burst into a flame of baseball enthusiasm.

Every man on the team was a public idel, Johnson among the rest. The boy owed much of his success to the careful cosching of the Crab, who taught him how to play his position for every man in the league.

(CONTINUED TOMORROW.)

Jimmy Austin Suspended

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big or small.

| said the manager. "Quit worryin' about

Copyright, 1910, by Street & Smith "You notice. Joe," said Carsey, "that he tries to take an extra step before he throws the ball. Take it from me, the old boy knows, and he's trying to help the peg all he can. I don't want to say anything to him, but—"

The Crab saved him the troubts. One when the team was playing in Chicage there was a rap at Holmes' door.
"Hello!" said the maxager. "You must
be celebratin' tonight, Henry. It's nearly



You notice, Joe, that he tries to take an extra step before he throws the ball."

"I've been waitin' for you to come in," said Gilman, sitting down on the edge of the bed. "Joe, I'm afraid I'm—about through. My arm has been awful bad all season. That game today—we ought to have won it. If I'd got Dougherty at first that time—we would have. He beat me a stride—and I ought to have had him by two feet." It was a long speech for the Crab, and

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 18.—Jimmy Austin, third, baseman of the St. Louis Americans, received notice from President Ban Johnson, of the league, that he had been indefinitely suspended as a result of his argument with Umpire Chill, at Cleveland, last Sunday. When Austin protested a decision calling him out on strikes, he was ordered off the field. he paused, turning his hat over and over in his big, knotted hands. "Dougherty's a fast man, Henry," said the manager kindly. "He beats out many a one down that field." "I know, Joe," said the Crab stub-bornly, "but I ought to have had him teday-and that run scored."

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"How about a little lay-off?" asked
Holmes. The manager was really very

formes. The manager was restly very fond of his quiet third baseman. "If your arm is sore—"
"It aln't sore. It's played out."
"Aw, rats" said Holmes. "I wish I had a carload of played-out fellows like, you! Tou take a rest. We're going to be up there in the first division this year way we've going to be up there in the first division this year sure-first time we've really had a

chance. I'll let that hid Johnson cover third for a few weeks, and you take it easy. I'm going to need you bad, later on in the season."

"Well," said the Crab, rising slowly, 'I'll rake the rost. But I tell you now, Joe—it's all off. I don't want to draw money when I sin't in shape to play."

"I guess if I can stand it, you can,"

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#### ADDITIONAL INJUNCTION GRANTED IN BURK CASE

Dispose of His Services

PITTSBURGH, Aug. 18.-An additional order, preventing the Pittsburgh Federal League club from disposing in any way of Pitcher Sanford Burk, who jumped from the Indianapolis American Association club, was granted by Judge Ambrose B. Reid, in Common Pleas Court. The order restrains the club from selling, trading, hiring out, farming or otherwise disposing of Burk's services.

thing laid away, and had to go back to It was intimated in court that this action was taken to forestall an attempt to "Go to bed!" said the manager.

It was 2 o'clock before the Crab turned in. The chambermaid found many bits of torn writing paper in the waste basket the next morning. Evidently the letter home, which had waited on the conference. send Burk to the Colonial League or to some independent team during the remainder of the season.

An injunction restraining the local club An injunction restraining the local club from either employing or playing Burk was granted on August 3 by Judge Reid.

NEW YORK, Aug. 18,—The New York Am icans have purchased the release of Outfiel T. G. Hendryx from the New Orleans club, the Southern Association.

# FROM ED M'ANDREWS

Poor Judgment

Willie Beecher, one of New York's tough fighters, appeared in this city for a six-round battle with Eddle McAndrews, the local favorate, at the Doug-las A. C. and Beecher carried a victory back to Gotham with him when he left the city this morning. The fight went the regular six rounds with lots of hard fighting and also plenty of clinching and westling mixed up. wrestling mixed up.
In the semifinal Joe Tuber by a contin-

ual lightning attack to the head and body defeated Frankie McCarty in six hard rounds. This was a sensational fight all the way, with both lads giving and receiving numerous hard knocks.

Yanks Sign Pelican Outfielder

TRAINING FOR RING MOORE, WELTER BOXER TAKES TO DELAWARE

Hard - hitting Southwarker "South Phila. Swimming Champion"-Keeps in Condition for Bouts in Water

CHALLENGES DURBOROW

Willie Houck Working for 20-Round Match Labor Day-Johnson Will Enter Theatrical Ranks

Swimming as preliminary training to the coming boxing campaign is being in dulged in by Willie Moore, Southwark's hard-hitting wellerweight. This is the first time in the history of fistians a loxer has taken to water for the pur-pose of reducing weight, loosening kinks and improving wind. and improving wind.

For the last two months Moore has plunged into the Delaware River three or four times a week off Bainbridge street wharf, swam to Gloucester, N. J. and back again without leaving the water, a distance of about 10 miles. This practice not only has kept Willie in shape, but it also has improved his aquaticability.

Moore believes he is the best swimmer in the southern section of the city. He is so confident of his competence in the water that Willie has laid claim to the "awimming championship of South Philadelphia." He is prepared to defend his assumed laurels against all comers.

Through his manager, Billy McGenigle, Through his manager, but accoming Moore issues a challenge to Charles Durborow, holder of several swimming records for competition in the water from Philadelphia to Chester and return.

Wille Houck, of Mt. Airy, is training for a 30-round bout with Tommy Lowe, to be staged Labor Day across the line from Washington. Pat O'Connor, of Washington, will referee the contest. After this match his manager, Frank Foley, will endeavor to match Houck with Foley, will endeavor to match Houck with Inch weights in the country. leading lightweights in the country.

Private advices from London are to the effect that Jack Johnson, former heavy-weight champion, is preparing to devote himself to a theatre managerial career, He also expects to appear behind the footlights himself. North Penn fight fans will pull hard for

Harry Wagner, bantamweight, to develop into the leading "16" pounder here this season. Harry has been working out daily and he is ready to take on matches with Lew Tendler, Young Dingins, Louis-lana and any other of the little fellows. Eric Demsey, Wilkes-Barre coal miner, may appear in local ring competition this season. He is a heavyweight.

Dick Jasper, Boston welterweight, contemplates a trip to Philadelphia this sea-son. He made a big hit here last year

in a bout with Henry Hauber. Gunboat Smith and Jack Hemple meet in New York tonight.

Carl Morris and Al Palzer, a pair of "has been" white hopes, will meet in a 15-round bout tomorrow night at Musk-



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