

NEW TWIRLER FOR DETROIT PUTS THEM IN FLAG HUNT—"THE CRAB," BY C. E. VAN LOAN

\$15,000 PITCHER FOR DETROIT CHANGES COMPLEXION OF RACE

St. Louis Comes to Assistance of Tigers in Transfer of James, First-class Twirler—Trade Is Just Like Those Which Helped Out Chicago and Boston

The sale of James, star spitball pitcher of the St. Louis Browns, to Detroit is likely to change completely the complexion of the American League race. While it is not a fair proposition for a club to be allowed to sell a star player to a pennant contender at this stage of the contest, fans throughout the American League circuit are glad to see Jennings get this twirler, as the Red Sox and White already have been aided by the Athletics in their pennant fight, while Detroit has been fought to the finish by every team in the league.

Now Will Jennings Make Good His Boast to Win?

Jennings has contended from the start of the season that the Tigers would win the pennant with one more star twirler, and he has been trying to purchase one since early in May.

James is unquestionably a star when he is right, and with prospect of world's series money before him, the giant spitballer should pitch great ball for the Tigers. It remains to be seen whether or not Jennings can make good his boast to win the pennant with many games to spare, now that he has the man he wanted so badly.

Sale of James Will React on Branch Rickey

St. Louis scribes contend that Rickey's popularity in the Mound City has been on the wane for some time, and the sale of James is likely to bring forth bitter criticism. If he can come back and produce a winner all will be forgotten; but Rickey is not a Connie Mack. He has not made good nor has he ever built up a team as Mack has, and even the local wizard is criticized for his recent moves.

Tener Now in Same Predicament as Was Lynch

Will history repeat itself in the National League's game of politics? Several years ago John T. Brush, now dead, was the owner of the New York National League team, and he virtually forced Tom Lynch on the league as president. At the time Brush declared that Lynch would make as great a president as Nick Young, but it was only two years later that Brush lined up with his enemy, Charley Murphy, and succeeded in ousting Lynch from the presidency because he found that Lynch had a will of his own.

Two years ago President Barney Dreyfuss, of Pittsburgh, was one of the staunchest supporters of President Baker, of the Phillies, who suggested Governor Tener for head of the National League. It is no secret that Dreyfuss' influence with the other magnates was much stronger than that of Baker, who was new to the game, and that he was mainly responsible for Tener finally being elected president of the league.

Barney Dreyfuss After Tener's Scalp

Now Dreyfuss is after Tener's scalp, according to rumor. The Pittsburgh magnate has been kicking quite a lot of late about the umpires and everything in general, and the climax came when, acting under Dreyfuss' orders, Fred Clarke used Rube Benton after Tener had wired that he was the property of the New York team and must not be sent to the mound for the Pirates. Dreyfuss says that he will not give up Benton and that Tener is exceeding his authority in getting into the case.

The National League has always been more or less of a political clique, and ex-Governor Tener is learning that there are some shrewder politicians in the national game than in State politics. Will Dreyfuss continue his fight and follow the unpopular example set by the late John T. Brush?

Pirates Find Phillies Easy

Fred Clarke's Pirates may not look good and can hardly be termed a championship contender, but they appear to be able to beat the Phillies easier than any other team in the league. To date the Phillies have played 16 games with Pittsburgh and the Pirates have won 16. Early in the season Al Mamaux with the particular "Jinx" to Moran's men, but now "Babe" Adams appears to be just as effective. In the past Adams has been a mark for the Phillies, but he appears to have changed his style against the local team and has been quite successful of late.

The Phillies had several chances to overhaul the Pirates yesterday, but it was not through their ability to hit Adams. Six errors were made by the Pirates, and each served to put Adams in a bad hole. He never lost his head or control, however, and pulled out through his own clever work. The work of the Phillies on the bases made Adams' task easier just when it seemed that the Phils were going to become dangerous. Seldom have the league leaders pulled two stupid tricks as Luderus and Whitted did yesterday. The former's error of judgment was excusable, but there was no excuse for that of Whitted.

Mayer Again Fails in the Pinch

Erskine Mayer tried his hand at twirling, but met with the usual fusillade of safeties before he even had time to get properly started. Mayer had pitched only one good game of ball on the home field in two months, and it begins to look as though he cannot be counted upon in the final stretch. While the team was in the West, Mayer pitched two or three fine games, and the impression was general that he had come back with a vengeance; but his work yesterday indicates that his good games in the West were a flash in the pan.

Local fans are pulling hard for Mayer to come back to his early season form, as it means almost a certain pennant for the Phillies if he can come back; but the dyed-in-wool are fast losing hope for the side-arm expert. Apparently the only thing that will bring Mayer back is a rest of a week or two. Manager Moran has given him every chance to make good, but he has not only lost most of his "stuff," but the breaks have been against him and he is fast losing confidence. Yesterday Mayer had a better curve ball than he has shown for some time, but he evidently had little on his fast ball, as the Pirates did most of their hitting on fast balls.

Inexperience Baumgartner's Greatest Handicap

Young Baumgartner, who relieved Mayer, again gave a good account of himself. Inexperience is the greatest drawback to taking a chance on Baumgartner to start a game, as he apparently has everything else. He allowed Costello and Hinchman to get away from him yesterday in the ninth inning by grooving pitches after he had both men in the hole.

Charley Herzog's claim that the Reds will finish in the first division and that they might possibly be as high as third place caused many of the fans to laugh at the nerve of the scrappy little pilot of the Reds; but when one considers that Cincinnati has won nine out of the last ten games played and is only four games behind the Braves, there is plenty of time for Herzog to make good his prediction.

Until the ninth the venerable Wagner was the only Pirate to get a hit off Baumgartner. In the ninth the storm broke, however, and Costello and Hinchman made doubles and Wagner made his third successive hit off Baumgartner. It was a terrific smash over the right-field fence and killed all hope for a Philly victory.

The Braves opened their new park yesterday and it is said that the largest crowd that ever attended a ball game saw the world's championship flag raised and then watched the Braves beat the Cardinals. As expected, Johnny Evers did not make good his bluff about quitting the game. Evers was evidently staging another little grandstand play for sympathy, but when his second announcement failed even to excite the fans he changed his mind.

RIDE TONIGHT AT POINT BREEZE PARK



ORIGINAL SOUTHERN MANAGER HAS KICK

Says First-Class Nine Is Not Connected With New Team of Same Name

The Southern A. C., that for the last five years has been South Philadelphia's leading semi-professional team and played Ocean City, N. J., Bridgeburg, Atlantic City Giants, Atlantic City P. R. R., Fairhill A. C. and Germantown, desires to inform managers of first-class clubs that it has no connection whatever with the newly organized Southern A. C., managed by Mr. Gottlieb. It has on its schedule for August Pleasantville, Mount Moriah, Hilldale and Atlantic City P. R. R., and would like to hear from first-class teams wishing a full organized attraction. William Lavery, 125 South 25th street.

Tulpehocken Reds shut out Germantown, formerly of Suburban League, 4 to 0. Eddie Piant, the Red crack hitter, allowed only two hits and received excellent support. Labor Day is open on Manager Kalbacher's schedule and the date can be gotten by any semi-professional home club offering good inducements. Address: William Kalbacher, 414 North Cleveland street, or call Wyoming 1854 W. Tel.

Owing to cancellation of the game between the Valley A. C. and the Seventh U. P. of Frankford, the Dudley team, one of the best traveling teams of the 21st Ward, is left with August 21 open. A first-class semi-professional home club in or out of Philadelphia offering a reasonable guarantee write C. J. De Haven, 2425 Clifford street, or phone Walnut 4623 from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

The Cramp A. A. has August 21 open and would like to hear from teams in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware desiring this attraction for a fair guarantee. Call Earl M. Simons, William Cramp & Sons, both phones, daily, or call Kensington 2175 after 5:30 p. m.

HEMPLE SURPRISES FANS AND DRAWS WITH SMITH

Gunboat Proves to Large Crowd That He Is Going Back Fast

NEW YORK, Aug. 19.—Jack Hemple did very well against Gunboat Smith, at the St. Nicholas rink, inasmuch as he was there at the end of ten rounds. Hemple earned a draw at last. He started off by fighting the Gunboat slyly. In the first round he jabbed Gunboat so hard on the nose that it ran a crimson stream. He hooked and jabbed, crossed and uppercut and Smith was so wild from the first round flung himself out of the ring in his efforts to corner Hemple.

Then Hemple tired. From the fourth on he had quite a job picking out of harm's way. In the last three rounds he took another brace and added to his early score. He was fighting well at the finish, and outboxing the Gunner.

WHAT MAY HAPPEN IN BASEBALL TODAY

Table with columns for National League, American League, and Federal League, listing teams and their records.

RUNS SCORED BY MAJORS FOR WEEK

Table showing runs scored by major league clubs, categorized by American League and Federal League.

YOUTHS PLAY TENNIS FOR THE BOK TROPHY

Junior Tourney to Be Staged at Cynwyd on August 23 for Boys Under 16

The first annual junior clay court championship of Philadelphia and district will be played on the courts of the Cynwyd Club, Cynwyd, beginning Monday, August 23, at 10 a. m. The tournament will be in boys' singles and boys' doubles, and will be held under the auspices of the Philadelphia and District Lawn Tennis Association.

CARMAN AND WILEY RACE AGAIN AT DROME

50-Mile Motor-Paced Contest Tonight—Linert and Bedell Also in Clash

With the crack of the starter's pistol tonight at Point Breeze Park motordrome the followers of the motor pace game will witness a race that will practically decide the long distance world's championship, the following entries being recorded: Clarence Carman, the present world's champion; George Wiley, the former world's champion; Victor Linert, the champion of Belgium; and Menus Bedell, the noted six-day rider. The race will be 50 miles in one heat.

The fans are acquainted with the performance of all the riders with the exception of Linert. For endurance and fast riding he is almost without a peer. In one of the trial heats at the drome yesterday he covered 29 miles in 25 minutes 21.62 seconds, and it is expected that he will give Wiley and Carman a hard fight for first honors.

The dark horse in tonight's race is Bedell, and judging by his last two victories at the drome the six-day rider will be a strong contender for first place. It is the ambition of Bedell's life to record one win over Carman and Wiley.

There will also be two, three, five and a race of unknown distance motorcycle races, open to the "pro" riders.

Benton Case Postponed

BOSTON, Aug. 19.—Lack of a quorum prevented the National League holding a decision yesterday on the status of Pitcher Rube Benton, whose sale to Pittsburgh team by the Cincinnati management was protested by the New York club on the ground that an unexpired option gave them a prior claim on Benton. The question will be considered at a meeting of the league to be held at New York on Friday.

Swimming at Point Breeze

In conjunction with the Tristate Farmers' Three-Day Picnic at Point Breeze Park this week, on Saturday afternoon there will be a program of swimming events on the big lake, open to female swimmers only. There will be a 20-yard swim, 100-yard swim, plunge for distance under water and tub race.

THE CRAB

The Mad Year Comes to an End—The Game That Decides the Pennant—An Accident on the Field and the Crab Goes In—The Science of Helping Out

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Henry Gitman, third baseman of the Philadelphia Athletics, was hit by a line drive from the pitcher, and the ball struck him on the nose, and it was generally believed that he was out of the game for good. At the beginning of his 10th season he was a star pitcher, and it was thought that his throwing arm was going away from him. He tried to snap the ball across the plate instead of arching it over, as he used to. At the beginning of the regular season he is presented with a three-horsepower motor. At the end of the first month every player in the league knows that the "Crab" is here.

Wolf on the nose, and precipitated a riot. In the end the boy was dragged from the field by policemen. "Pretty tough," said the Crab, as he looked after his pupil. "The only fast he has, and it had to get him at a time like this! Let's see, who've we got to play third?"

There he stepped with his mouth open. Holmes had no computer in the field in Johnson's place. As the Crab looked up he saw Holmes beckoning to the manager's face was white and his hands were plucking at the front of his shirt.

"It's up to you, Henry," he said. "They're bent if we can hold 'em 'til the end of the season." "Looks like I've got to do it," said the Crab. "Where's my glove?"

There were no more runs. The team changed sides for the last of the month and every local rooster was tramping the regular "Crab"—crash—crash—crash! "As the Crab walked across the field in his old place Carrey rolled the ball cleverly and threw across the diamond. A howl of joy went up from the stands. The ball had fallen six feet short.



"Johnson hit Wolf on the nose."

Every man on the Pink team knew exactly what would be done. The attack would be directed against the weak arm and the Crab, swinging his right arm, drove a little line into the hands of the member, knew as well as his brother that every man would try to hit the ball straight at him and make him throw again. The game and the pennant is a ninth-inning race. That was baseball. "Kid," O'Neill, the lightning fast pitcher, shotstop of the Pinks, came trotting over with a nervous grin on his freckled face.

"Look out for me, Henry," he said. "I'm going to play over as far as I dare, and if I go after one, let me have it."

"All right, kid," said the old player. (CONTINUED TOMORROW)

NEWPORT POLOISTS WIN FROM AIKEN RED BIRDS

Philadelphia's Philadelphians in Turning Tide for Winners—NEWPORT, R. I., Aug. 18.—By careful teamwork and strategic attack, the Newport poloists defeated the Aiken Red Birds by a score of 14 to 8, after allowing the latter six goals by handicap.

W. Goadby Lowe and Joshua Crane put up an invincible combination, the latter scoring no fewer than eight times, while young Robert E. Strawbridge especially distinguished himself by registering five goals as a result of his quick pick-up and sustained energy.

Chicago grounds, and the Athletics were finishing their season on the Boston grounds against the other contender. Just before the Chicago game opened news flashed over the telegraph wires which brought every man in the grandstand to his feet with a yell of delight. The Athletics—bleat their hearts—were wiping up the ground with the Highbrows, pulverizing them, putting them down and out of the race, just at the wires. This left the flag between the Pinks and the Maroons, and a single game would decide it.

Why recall the game in detail? For eight average innings both teams fought like tigers, and not a man crossed the plate. The break came in the ninth.

Carrey led off with a screaming double between centre and left, and Johnson poked a Texas Leaguer into short right field. The ball was so cleverly placed that by the time the fielders had it in motion again long-legged Carrey tore over the rubber with one run, and the Pink Sox delegation in the grand stand arose and yelled until the rafters quivered.

Johnson immediately tried to steal second base, but Kelly, the Maroon catcher, whipped the ball down like a flash. Every man inside the fence thought that Johnson ducked under the glove. The man who to night he didn't was "Curly" Wolf, the umpire, and Johnson, being young and untried in a crisis of the sort, and sustained by positive knowledge that the second baseman had missed him, hit

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