PHILS MUST TAKE SUDDEN BRACE OR LOSE LEAD—"THE CRAB," BY CHARLES E. VAN LOAN

TOTTERING PHILLIES NEED BRACER IN FORM OF GENUINE SHAKE-UP

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Brooklyn Only Two Points Behind in Gruelling Race. Byrne, Whitted, Paskert and Becker in Slump-Rest Might Aid-Detroit Going at Rapid Pace

The Phillies now lead the National League by the scant margin of two points, and unless there is a great improvement in the play, there is but little chance of holding the lead. The pitching staff which carried the team along throughout the season, has apparently cracked temporarily, and the time has come when the burden must be placed on Alexander the Great and Eppa Rixey.

Demarce pitched well for a month, barring yesterday, but he does not appear to be strong enough to be depended upon in a pinch. Erskine Mayer has failed mally, and George Chalmers has not been in good enough form to be trusted with a start for some time. This leaves but Alexander and Rixey, who continue to pitch brilliant ball.

At the start of the season Rixey was an uncertainty, but he is fast gaining confidence in himself and may prove the man of the hour for Moran. It was thought that Tincup would come around in good shape, but to date he has shown nothing that would warrant starting him in a game.

The batting slumps of Byrne, Whitted, Paskert and Becker have lasted so long that there seems to be little hope of them getting started now, and perhaps it would not be a bad move to shake up the batting order a bit.

Against the Braves the entire team played with dash and fire, but in the two games played against Pittsburgh the men have had little ginger, and the old slowness on the bases has asserted itself again.

Base Running Vital Weakness of Phillies

A player who steals a great number of bases is not always the best base runner, and the Braves won the pennant last season despite the fact that they had fewer stolen bases than any team in the league, but Boston had men who could steal bases in a pinch, while the Phillies have not more than one or two en who can steal at any time unless the pitch or throw is poor.

The best proof of the truth of this lies in the fact that Ty Cobb has stolen more bases than the entire Philly team, according to the last batch of averages published. Moran's men must get out of this slump that prevails when they are playing any teams but the Braves, Cardinals and Giants. These are the only clubs in the league that the Phillies have been able to beat with any degree of regularity. The Cubs were easy for the Phillies earlier in the season, but in the last series Moran's men dropped both games and apparently have lost their grip on the Cubs.

It would be foolhardy to trust too much to young and inexperienced players for the finish, but the impression is general that the presence of Weiser and Stock in the game for a few days at least would speed up the team and enable regulars to get a rest. . . .

Pittsburgh Outclasses Moran's Men in Every Department

Pittsburgh surely has outclassed the Phillies In all departments of the game during the present series, the offensive strength of the Corsairs being a distinct surprise. Pittsburgh's batting probably is due more to poor pitching by the Phillies than to their own clubbing ability, as the team is admittedly one that will score but few runs for its pitchers, on an average. The Pirate pitching staff has been responsible for the excellent position in the race, and after a break against the Reds, Clarke has got the twirlers working well again. Both Adams and Harmon have shown good form here, and it is certain that Mamaux can be depended upon to return to form.

Fhils Never Win an Uphill Fight

The Phillies had only a few chances to rally against the clever Harmon yesterday, while the Pirates found Demarce and Tincup for 15 hits, and most of them were clean-cut drives. As was the case in the first game of the series, Pittsburgh went off in the lead and took the confidence out of the Phillies. In each game the Phillies tried hard to come back, but could make only little headway. It might be well to mention that throughout the season the Phillies have shown little ability to overcome a lead. Given a start, Moran's men play like champions, but when the opposing teams get to the Philly pitchers the rest of the team seem to lose hope. There is still hope for the Phillies, but they must wake up.

. . . Could the Reds Win? Stranger Things Have Happened.

At this time last year the Braves were eight full games behind the Giants, but were in fourth place, with .516 percentage. The Reds are now only seven and one-half games behind, and are going just as strong in a better balanced league. One who would predict that Herzog's team would finish even third would be laughed at, but stranger things have happened. Cincinnati has won ten of its last eleven games, and is playing by far faster ball than any teym In the league

Its victories have been over the Pirates, Phillies and all strong teams. The Pirates contend that the breaks were against them, and that the team was in a slump, but any team that can take five in a row from Pittsburgh at this stage is not to be overlooked. . . .

TENNIS RESTRICTIONS FOR NATIONAL CLASSIC SURE TO MAKE MUDDLE

"Serious Contender" Rule May Permit T. R. Pell to Play, Yet May Bar Swayne, Who Has Defeated Pell

DECISION UP TO CLUBS

According to the advance notices, only serious contenders" are wanted in the According to the advance notices, only "serious contenders" are wanted in the Sth national lawn tennis championahip, entries for which close tonight. 10 days before the start of the event at the West Side Lawn Tennis Club, Forest Hills, L. T. Just what is a "serious contender"? Certainly the National Committee would consider T. R. Pell in that class. But would it honor the entry of Norman W. Swayne, unknown in national circles, but the victor over Pell at Wilmington? Or that of Brooke Edwards, of Merion, who had Pell 5-4, 39-love in the third set at Point Pleasant? President R. D. Wrenn, of the U. S. N. L. T. A., in making this announcement, very gracefully "passed the buck" to club secretaries. In other words, the secre-taries were warned not to forward the names of players who would not be "aerious contenders." Thus the National Committee very neatly aldestepped the ia-

"serious contenders." Thus the National Committee very nearly sidestepped the is-sue, leaving the club secretary to fight it out with his fellow members. The tennis world in general is aux-iously awaiting the announcement of the draw in order to determine the players who were considered by their club sec-retaries, and who considered themselves "serious contenders." 'serious contenders.' . . .

Ewing Stille, of the Germantown Cricket Ewing Stille, of the Germantown Cricket. Club, a veteran of at least a score of na-tional championships, this year will play the part of a spectator only. Mr. Stille, whose earliest recollection of the all-com-ers connects it with Newport, is even now not reconciled to the idea of its being held away from the historic Casino.

The 35th championship smashes tradition to smithereens. Aside from its being moved from Newport to Forest Hills, another custom went by the board when the association made a determined effort to keep down the number of entries. The chances are that within a year or two other changes will be made, such as hav-ing players qualify in sections, much ng the lines of the doubles championship There is no doubt but that the tourna-

ment at West Side will be a success, but the shades of Sears, Slocum. Campbell, Hovey, Whitman, Doherty, Ward and Wright, players who became famous at Hovey, Newport, will be missing.

Season tickets for the championship may be ordered in advance from Harry Parker, treasurer, West Side Tennis Club Committee. 42d Street Building, New York city. A remittance of \$5 from members of clubs affiliated with the U. S. N. L. city. T. A. and of \$7 from non-members, must accompany each application.

. . . Twenty-four courts are now being carefully groomed at the West Side Club for the championship matches. A group of four, bounded on north and south by stands, each accommodating 3500 people, and on the west by the clubhouse, are re-served for the semifinal and final rounds in the singles, the challenge round in doubles, and the final round for the interscholastic championship. Should prominent contenders be brought together in any of the earlier rounds, their matches will be staged on the championship ...

Following the national championship a return East vs. West match, between the Eastern team that invaded the West early in the summer, composed of R. Norris Detroit Tigers Now Going at Terrific Clip By defeating the Athletics yesterday, while Chicago again trounced the Red Sox, the Detroit Tigers gained on Boston again and are now only two points

THE CRAB

Playing the Crab Hard for a Win-The Scheme Works and Men Reach the Bases-Some Jump the Crab Manages to Make-A Long Hit May Win

By CHARLES E. VAN LOAN The World's Most Famous Writer of

down to the undertaker at third! Oh, you Crab! When you goin' to bury that wing?" try Gliman, third baseman of the the called the Crab by him bullow-re by the baseball writers and by the He is a silent, slow-going person, is a little better than the average, ne well, but not sensationally, not a off the field, married, and so stendy it is generally believed that be's an an. Cullen, the next hitter, turned on the

ball and poked it slowly down the third-base line. The Crab anticipated the play, and, racing in, scooped the ball into his giove, and, changing hands, turned for the throw.

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copyright, 1010, by Street & Smith. Kenyon had the same idea in his head.

and he knew by the way "Tub" Phillips handled his bat that he was going to bunt. That was why Kenyon was run-ning like a deer almoat as soon as the ball left his hand. Phillips shortened his bail left his hand. Fhilips shortened his bat, and chopped one down the foul line, straight into the flying pitcher's glove, and an indignant howl rose from the home sympathizers on the bleachers, when Kenyon, throwing with all the power in his ten-thousand-dollar arm. nipped Tub at first base by at least six feet. feet.

as he saw the evident effort with which Dillon made a few remarks, not necthe old fellow whipped his arm forward, and then all other sounds were swallowed essarily for publication, and escorted the next hitter toward the plate.

Mullaley grunted assent and

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raved O'Nelll.

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up in one wild yell from the bleachers. "I'm gambling on it," said he. "The Crab will throw one away sure. Hit one down to him, anyhow."

The Crab's throw was 10 feet to the left of the bag, and Carsey had to make a quick sprint to get his glove on the ball. Mullaley, the best base runner on the Maroon club, was on second, and Culten was on first. Small wonder the Chicago fang stoed up and shouted! "pulled" a slow bounder down between short and third. O'Neill, who had been playing well over, was on the move as soon as the ball was hit, and Gilman, in his excitement, failed to notice him Chicago fans stood up and shouted! "What did I tell you?" screamed Dil-

"Gwan," said the umpire.

until it was too late. The Crab got the hall, but was bumped almost off his feet by the collision which resulted, and don, racing up and down off first base. "What did I tell you? He's going to 18-hole medal play handlcap. throw 'em all away!" The Crab walked back toward third

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to lose. Then, high over the turnult of the cheering, he heard Carsey's voice: "Come on, boy! Brace up and fight "em! They haven't even got her tied MEET AT LUDLOW CLUB:

why yet!" Evans, the next man up, tried to hit a ball through third, counting on an error. It was a sharply hit ground ball, ten feet inside the foul line, and straight at the Crab.

at the Crab. Gliman took one quick backward step and dropped both hands. The ball struck with a solid thud, and almost before the crowd knew what had happened, the Crab whirled and haunched himself through the air, straight at the flying Mulleley. Mullaley

Mullaley. The baseball reporters said that the Crab jumped 20 feet from a standing start. Perhaps a few feet should have been allowed for momentary excitement, but there was no question about Mul-laley being tagged out. The Crab got him so far away from the base that there was never any argument about it, though Mullaley howled bitterly.

though Mullaley howled bitterly. "G'wani" said the umpire. "If he'd tagged you any harder he'd have broke you in two!"

Kenyon came over after the ball and threw one arm about the third baseman's

neck "That's the boy!" said he. "You're the best third baseman in this league yet!" Then, with Bowers at bat, and two gone. Dillon did the only thing a man could do. He signed Bowers to hit it out and take a chance, and Bowers was the best bittor on the team. Cullan was the best hitter on the team. Cullen was now on second, and Evans was on first. A single would tie the score, a double

BEGINS ON NEXT MONDAY

"The Bull Moose of the Bleachers," story of a basehall team that lost its goat to a fan, and got his in exchange, is the next Van Loan story for the Eveyarn, with real fun and real baseball from beginning to end. Begin it in Monday's

Golf for Ogden Mills Prizes

EVENING LEDGER

One Cent

fight with McCarty. NEWPORT, R. I., Aug. 20.-In the mixed pursome against bogey at the Newport Golf Louisiana and Harry Smith have been signed up to meet at the Douglas A. C. here August 31. Tommy C'Dare has an-nounced that wind-up boxers will post forfeits for appearance in the future. Club, for prizes offered by Ogden Mills, Miss Ruth V. Twombly and William Payne Thompson won with a score of 3 up. The second couple, J. Francis A. Clark and Miss Doris Ryer, were even with bogey. Saturday the match is for the Governor Beekman Cup and

New York has a bantam weight who bat. ties under the name of Biaggi Cresitella. A boxer here is named Roxy de Carlo, aut he fights under the nom de plume of Pat Bradley.

Harry Stone, New York lightweight, who who denies he was killed in a submar norrow night.



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(CONTINUED TOMORROW.) ANOTHER VAN LOAN STORY

Back home after making a big hit is a bout with Young Dyson Down East, Grover Hayes declares he would be slad to accommodate Bobby Reynolds in ring action at a local club.

Terry Fitzgerald and Eddie Hart, The program follows:

HOWELL DEFIES MOORE District Opponents Clash at West Philly Open-Air Club

Tonight-Italian Boxer Wants to Swim Rival

AFTER FISTIC GO, TOO

pair of West Philadelphia favorites, will appear in the wind-up at the Ludiow Club tonight.

First bout-George Smoker, Lancaster pike, Eddie McCann, Gray's Ferry.

Second bout-Jimmy Darlington, West Phila-Third bout-Whitey Fluerenid, West Phila-deinhia, ve. Mickey Carey, Bell road, Semivind-ap-Jimmy O'Brien, West Phila-deinhia, vs. Edule Dunn, Haddington, Wind-up-Eddle Hart, West Philadeiphia, va. Terry Fluerenid, West Philadeiphia, va.

weight, who has been anxious to mee Willie Moore in the squared circle, is prepared to compete in water competition with the Southwark slugger. After a swimming duel. Tom would like to clash with Willie in the ring.

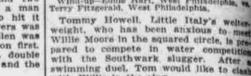
Bobby Morrow said this morning the bout between Eddle Morgan and George Chaney, at Baltimore, scheduled for La-bor Day, has been advanced to the previous Saturday, September 4. Morgan is

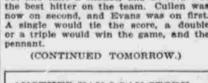
After fighting a hard 10-round draw

with Tom McCarty at Lewiston, Mon Juck Dillon left for his home in Indian apolis. He will leave for Philadeiphi

after a short rest. Dillon meets Saller Grande at the Olympia Morday night a week. He weighed 168% pounds for his

working out daily in the gymnasium a





behind first place. Jennings' team is going at a terrific clip, and if James comes through as strongly as is expected, it begins to look as if the prediction of Jennings, made while the Tigers were in this city, would be fulfilled.

While the battle for first place is keen in both leagues, the American race has developed into a canter for the Red and White Sox and Tigers in the battle for the first three positions. Cincinnati, which is in last place in the National League race, is only 70 points behind the leading Phils, a matter of seven and one-half games, while the Athletics, who occupy the tail-end position in Johnson's league, are 333 points, or 351/2 games behind the Red Sox, . .

New Football Rule Stirs Up Trouble in West.

The Western Conference, governing intercollegiate competition among the "big nine" of the West, unconsciously stirred up a hornet's nest when it overruled two of the most powerful members of the body, the Universities of Minnesota and Chicago, and passed a rule prohibiting secret football practice next fall. Both Minnesota and Chicago bitterly opposed even the suggestion of such a rule, but, aside from Purdue, the other members of the association were ous in the opinion that secret practice must go, and carried the motion over the heads of the two largest institutions in the Conference.

That the secret practice is considered more of an advantage to Chicago and Minnesota is the belief of the other colleges, as both of these elevens have profited greatly by springing new and sensational trick plays. Under the new rule it will be impossible to use these plays, unless a chance is taken on per-

rule it will be impossible to use these plays, unless a chance is taken on per-fecting the plays on theory. That is not probable. Minneapolis papers and the student body at Minnesota favor Minnesota tendering its resignation to the Western Conference, while at Chicago there is a like move under way. If these two colleges should dream out of the Context tallies on the 300 targets like move under way. If these two colleges should drop out of the Conference it would be a great blow. The rezignation of Michigan weakened the organizan, which has unquestionably done much to purify collegiate athletics in the Middle West. But, like other athletic reforms, there are a few agitators who carry matters too far and make unnecessary legislation that does little good and breeds discontent. . . .

Football Season Now Close at Hand

A stroll along Chestnut street will cause one to awaken to the fact that the football season is close at hand. Gridiron coaches, officials and players are drifting into town, and it will only be a short time before the early fall practice "Tiny" Maxwell drifted in from Chicago; Bill Hollenback is preparing for P. M. C's practice; Jack Keough is out at Haverford getting things in shape; Bill Crowell, of Lafayette, is here, and By Dickson, George Brooke and Carl Williams are back and take occasional trips to Franklin Field to prepare for Penn's early start. Local sport lovers will not enthuse much over the great fall game until the National League championship is decided, as long as the Phillies are in the lead or close to it.

The Pirates made an odd record in the first inning yesterday. Seven men went to bat, and each had a perfect average, yet the side was retired and only three runs were scored. Costello, Collins, Johnston, Viox and Baird each made singles, while Hinchman and Wagner sacrificed. They are not credited with a time at bat, and the third out was recorded when Viox was nailed trying to reach third on Baird's single. . . .

Ira Thomas is in Des Moines looking over some Western League talent. It said that he has made offers for Third Baseman Breen and Pitcher Ingersoll, of aha, and Shortstop Hartford, of Des Moines. The latter is picked as the best abortstop in O'Nell's league in years, and will be a prize for a major league club.

reil will be played.

At San Francisco the Easterners w but a single match, but contended that they were at a great disadvantage, owing to the fact that the courts were of to the fact that the courts were of asphalt. True sportsmen, the Westerners agreed to a return match on turf courts. and should the Pacific coast players be again victorious, there will be no doubting their superiority, for not a single alibi will remain.

MANY LOCAL GUN CLUBS PLAN SHOOTS TOMORROW

Second Prize Shoot at Meadow Springs Club Creating Interest

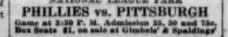
Tomorrow's shooting events promise to be well attended in view of such interest aroused over the Grand American Handi-cap match by local gunners. The Meadow Springs Gun Club will hold

the second match of its three prize shoots at Manoa, Pa., on the West Chester pike. Prizes will be awarded to the four club-members making the highest scores on

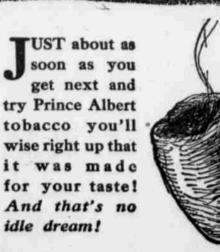
ogram 'Way down South and Dixle shooting event will feature the Saturday afternoon card of the Du Font organization at Wil-mington. Every gunner participating in the contest will be presented with a juicy

the contest will be presented with a julcy watermeion. The members will also com-pete for the Philip F. du Pont double target trophy and the Connable cup. Trapshooters will find a welcome at the Philadelphia Shooting Academy, Wyom-ing avenue and D street, where a mixed card will be offered.





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