

"A PENNANT AND A PENANCE" BY VAN LOAN—BROOKLYN AND PHILS IMPORTANT SERIES

PHILS AIM FOR FIVE-GAME LEAD BEFORE FINAL SWING INTO WEST Brooklyn and Boston Expected to Cut Each Others' Throats This Week, and Dodgers Must Sweep Phillies' Series or Lose Footing

The Phillies hope to have a five-game lead before starting on the last Western trip. Manager Moran and the players believe that this can be accomplished by winning two out of three in Brooklyn and three out of four from the Giants in this city.

All things considered, this is one of the most critical weeks of the season for Moran's leaders. There are only three hard games on the card with a pennant contender, but the New York series may prove harder than is expected.

If the Phillies can win five out of the next seven games, it seems certain that they will have a five-game lead before they leave for the West. With this lead Manager Moran and every player on the team is confident that it will be impossible for either the Braves or Dodgers to overhaul them.

Dodgers' Pitching Staff Its Weakest Link

The impression is growing that Brooklyn will be out of the race before the close of the present week. Robinson has handled his pitching staff so poorly that it has cracked. The addition of Cheney and Marquard, provided the latter can regain his old form, may be a great help to the team, but the rest of the staff, barring Pfeffer, appear to have cracked.

The Braves passed the Dodgers by winning from Robinson's team in Boston on Saturday and on form Stallings' team should remain ahead of Brooklyn until the finish. While Brooklyn is playing the powerful Philly team the Braves are meeting the Giants, who have not been able to do much against the world's champions.

While the Phillies and Giants are meeting later in the week, Boston and Brooklyn will be battling again. With Rudolph, Ragon, Nehf and Hughes pitching in great form, Brooklyn will have trouble getting an even break. The Dodgers' greatest chance is to cut down the lead of the Phillies before the Western trip.

Brooklyn Must Sweep Series or Fall by the Wayside

Brooklyn's only chance to get on even terms with the Phillies now is to sweep the series from Moran's men and then beat Boston while the Phillies continue to lose to the Giants. It looks more and more as if it is to be a battle to the finish between the Phillies and Braves, with odds greatly in favor of the local team.

If the Braves were on even terms with the Phillies today they would have a good chance of repeating, but even then Moran's team would look much better, as it has a pitching staff that is in wonderful shape. Boston has four twirlers going well, but with several double-headers in the West, they may find that four are not enough.

On the other hand, Moran has six first-class pitchers, all ready for a driving finish. Rudolph, the Braves' greatest hope, has been badly overworked. The little fellow is standing up in a remarkable manner under the strain, but he cannot be classed with Alexander for consistency in a driving finish with the Nebraskan in such great shape.

Phillies Can Win Without Slugging If Pitchers Hold Up

Local fans became worried when the Phillies could not get but an even break in the first four games in New York, but there is no great cause for worry as long as the pitchers respond. The team cannot hit away from home, apparently, and the fans must give up hope of seeing it perform well, offensively, on foreign soil, but it can do well enough to ward off any challenge if it can get the five-game lead the men are aiming for. Stallings must hurt his pitching staff to overcome such a lead, and then it would be but an even chance that the Braves could come through in that final series against the Phillies.

Present Gains of Braves and Dodgers Inconsequential

All things considered, the Phillies' prospects are just as bright now as they were a week ago, even if Boston did gain a trifle. Neither Brooklyn nor Boston can hope to overhaul the Phillies if they cannot gain more than half of a game a week. On form, Brooklyn should drop out as a dangerous contender before the close of the week. A surprising reversal of form for both the Phillies and Brooklyn in the present series might upset the odds, but it is the only chance, and it is slim, indeed.

The Folly of Some Baseball Magnates

Is one to believe that baseball cannot stand on its own legs? If the policy adopted by the C. C. Louis National League club is followed out by others it will be a short time only before ball clubs throughout the country will be playing double-headers every day with a baseball game as one attraction and a vaudeville show as the other.

In an effort to drag the people out to the ball park the National League management in St. Louis has billed a cabaret show to amuse the fans before the game and an orchestra plays throughout the contest. The latter is a feature that should be commended, but the idea of the cabaret show is asinine. When baseball as a game cannot draw the fans, there is no chance for it to draw with a cabaret show for a side attraction.

Baseball magnates are spending so much money at a time when conditions are poor for interest in the game that some have lost their heads completely. This is not the first time that baseball has been in a slump. It has always come back, and always will, if the magnates will let things take their course.

Too Many Double-headers on Saturdays and Holidays

The habit of staging double-headers on Saturdays and Sundays has been another cause for the falling off of the attendance during the week in many cities. The major leagues would do well to make a rule prohibiting the scheduling of double-headers on Saturdays and Sundays unless it is impossible to play the games on other days. This may sound like treason to the fan who likes to see two games in the afternoon for one admission, but it is necessary for the health of the game.

Several times this year in the National, American and Federal leagues, games have been postponed, with a "No game, rain" sign out when it has not rained enough to hurt the field. The day may have been dark and threatening and the management figured that the attendance would be small. Therefore it seemed like good business to call off the game and play it off as part of a double-header later, but they do not seem to realize that the fans might become so accustomed to having games called off with but little cause that they will fail to trouble themselves enough to go to the park on threatening days.

Art Nehf Pitching Wonderful Ball

The wonderful work of young Art Nehf, the southpaw recruit from Terra Haute of the Central League, for the Braves recalls comment in these columns during the recent Philly-Boston series. At that time Sherman Magee declared that Nehf was the greatest young left-hander he had ever seen, and predicted that he would be the best southpaw in the country in a year.

On Saturday Nehf held Brooklyn, a pennant contender and a hard-hitting team, to one hit and permitted but three men to bat in an inning for the entire game. This was a wonderful performance, and was all the more remarkable when one considers that the only hit made off his delivery was a high fly that was lost in the sun by Compton. Had Compton handled the ball Nehf not only would have pitched a hitless game, but would have been credited with a perfect game, as Miller, who got the hits, was the only batsman to reach first base.

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WHEN A FELLER NEEDS A FRIEND



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David McKinstry Todd Is Compelled to Give Up the Study of Ministry Because of a Crooked Banker. That Is How the Terrors Get a Fine Shortstop

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David McKinstry Todd needed the money. Of course, the Terrors would not have needed a shortstop if Charlie Haddell hadn't hooked his spikes in the bag when he made that fatal first-ride to second.

Charlie was the veteran shortstop—an infidel—and his ankles were not as strong as they should have been. The left one flopped, and they carried Charlie Haddell to the clubhouse, a total wreck. And this, mind you, was in June, when things were beginning to stiffen up, and the first-division teams were snarling in a bunch, and the weaker sisters were dropping to the rear.

Haddell's accident left a hole in that infield through which a coach and four right-ho-tye drivers—everything else was driven through it—and the substitute infielders could do no more than rattle around dolefully in Charlie Haddell's discarded shoes.

A first-class shortstop, keyed up to league pitch, he rare and valuable. The finished article could not be bought, secured or stolen, and MacNabb sent out a long yell, which drove the scouts futzing in the dugout. Charlie Haddell fell down and out; the doctor said he might better have broken every bone in his ankle than have wrenched the ligaments the way he did.

Little Joe Sherman drove—swore more with his watery eyes than any one would have suspected, was a scout who believed that no bet was so small to be overlooked. That was why he went out of his way to lose a game between two fresh-water college teams. That happened to be the day when Davey Todd put on the colors of his Methodist Alma Mater for the last time.

Davey had just received word that there would be no more money from home. There never had been a great deal of it, but that was not the extent of the calamity. A small-town banker using his own discretion brought about the usual result, and the small fortune of the Todd family went up in smoke. Later the banker himself went up—for 10 years, but that did not do the widows any good. Mrs. Todd was one of them. She wrote:

"Dear Davey—I have talked the matter over with the girls, and they are willing to leave high school and go to work, if you can manage the struggle through college without any more help from home."

Davey did not read any more, but hustled to the telegraph station and wrote:

"Ministry can wait. I'm going to work." That same afternoon Davey Todd played shortstop for the last time on a college diamond, and old Joe Sherman sat in the grand stand blinking watery eyes and chowing fine-cut tobacco.

(CONTINUED TOMORROW.)

WHAT MAY HAPPEN IN BASEBALL TODAY

Table with columns for National League and American League, listing teams and their records. Includes sub-sections for 'AMERICAN LEAGUE' and 'FEDERAL LEAGUE'.

RUNS SCORED BY MAJORS LAST WEEK

Table showing runs scored by various baseball clubs over the last week. Columns include Club, Runs, and other statistics.

Wanamaker A. A. Wins

The Wanamaker Athletic Association's baseball team, the Ferguson team of Wildwood, this morning by the score of 4 to 2.

Point Breeze Motordrome

Tonight 8:30 40-Mile Motor-Paced Race Irish National Games, 2 P. M.

Baseball—Two Games Today

SHIB PARK Athletics vs. Washington FIRST GAME CALLED AT 1:30 P. M.

OLYMPIA A. A. Broad & Sandhills TUESDAY NIGHT, Harry Edwards, Mgr. FRANK LOUGHEEY vs. JOE ROBBELL, Adm. Sec. Nat. Rec. Soc. Arena Sec. 7th St.

MIDDIE FOOTBALL MEN HAVE BEGUN WORK FOR SEASON

Great Interest Already Shown in Development of Army and Navy Elevens for Year 1915

TWO STARS MISSING

They love football at West Point and Annapolis. These two national academies were the first to begin practice this year, and their game at New York on November 27 will end the season.

The squad which is now in training at Annapolis is made up of men from the incoming class, and the fact that there are 60 of these recruits now at work shows how keen the Navy is to win from the University of Pennsylvania for their first crack at Jimmy Murphy.

Both teams open their schedule on the same date, October 2, and play eight games before their final clash with each other. The Navy has the more difficult schedule. The middies meet Georgetown, the University of Pittsburgh and the University of Pennsylvania for their first three opponents.

The West Point schedule is not as strong as it might be for the November games. The soldiers do not play any of the big teams, their strongest opponent outside the Navy being Notre Dame, the Indiana men coming East on November 6.

Just how the teams will compare it is impossible to predict this early. But the Army is the more fortunate in the retention of veterans from last year. The soldiers have to find a new man for Butler's place at tackle and they must replace Pritchard at quarterback and Merrill at end.

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DOUGLAS CLUB BOUTS SCHEDULED TONIGHT

New York and Philadelphia Boxers Meet—No Big Matches on Tap Today

Intercity bouts are the feature of the Douglas Club's show tonight, with a double wind-up as the chief attraction. Willie Beecher, of New York, tackles Willie Houck in the final, while Frankie Brown of New York, encounters Harry Smith in the first half of the headliner.

The program is: First bout—Jack Kantrow, Southwark, vs. Johnny Campi, Southwark. Second bout—Charlie Rear, Kensington, vs. Mike Baker, Kensington.

Joe Borrell finished training for his match with Frank Loughrey at the Olympian tomorrow night after a sparring workout with Jack Toland. Toland said Borrell was in great shape. Borrell admitted the same, which makes it unanimous.

Danny Ferguson, of Manayunk, has been diligently conditioning himself for the last fortnight. He has been boxing with Bobby Reynolds daily. Fergy says nothing would suit him better than to get a crack at Jimmy Murphy.

Philadelphia will be represented by a 6 feet 1 inch 195-pound heavyweight this season. The big fellow has been schooled for the last four months by Adam Ryan. Jack Britton will meet Johnny Griffiths in a 12-round bout at Canton, O., this afternoon.

Scranton, Pa., fight fans will see Battling Levinsky and Jack Keating in action tonight. Jimmy Cochran, who scored a number of knockout victories last year in the banian division here, again will show his wares this season. The little West Philadelphia is a clever two-hand fighter.

BIKE RACES AT POINT BREEZE

40-mile Motor-Paced Event at Droms Tonight

The feature event at the Point Breeze Park Motordrome tonight will be a 40-mile motor-paced race between Percy Lawrence, San Francisco; Worth Mittens, Iowa cowboy; and Clarence Miller, Atlanta, Ga.

There will also be a 10-mile motorcycle match race between two Paulsboro riders, Earl Kaiser and Charles Miller. Three and five-mile motorcycle events between Armstrong, Vailis and Vandeberry will complete the card.

HARRIS, PENN CAPTAIN, HOPEFUL OF FOOTBALL CHANCES THIS SEASON

Quaker Leader Arrives From Summer Camp Ready for Team's Trip to Port Deposit, Md.

TALKS OF 1915 PROSPECTS Captain Edward Harris, of the University of Pennsylvania football team, fresh from his summer's sojourn in a New Hampshire camp, visited Franklin Field this morning to go over the details of the Quakers' trip to Port Deposit, Md., where they will take two weeks of preliminary training, beginning tomorrow.

Harris had left the plans to Field Coach Dickson and the Football Committee. The squad of about two dozen men will leave some time tomorrow morning. Not until morning will the authorities be able to announce finally the names of the men who will be taken. Several have not replied to letters sent them by Coach Dickson during the summer, but most of them are expected to report in person either this afternoon or tomorrow morning.

Captain Harris looked the picture of health, tanned and hard as nails. He said he weighed 190 pounds stripped and never felt better in his life. When asked about prospects for the coming season the big tackle was none too optimistic. "It looks as though we will have some first-class material for the back field," said Harris. "That is, from last year's freshman team and from the scrubs, we have some men who played good football last year. There is a difference between being a star on a freshman team and on the varsity, and all the boys who look so promising will have to make good. The more competition there is, the better we shall like it. The back field material from last year's freshman team ought to be a big help. Grant and Bell were both mighty good quarterbacks, while Quigley, Walsh and Ross were high-class men. I assume that Howard Berry, who played on the scrubs, will be tried first at half-back.

"It is in the line that we shall have the greatest problem. The loss of Norwald, a member of the 1914 varsity, and of Peoples and Dewhurst, of the freshman team, has taken three good forwards from us. We expect Withers and Dorizas, who played guard most of last year, to report again, and both should be better than ever. Then there is Hennings, who I think ought to be one of the best tackles we have ever had. He has the weight, strength and game. Last year all he needed was experience, which he has now. Probably both Wray and Matthews, who played half-back positions last year, will try for center, provided the freshman and scrub material on which we are counting makes good."

"I don't know what is the difference? I don't know what is the difference? I don't know what is the difference?"

OH! ABOUT TWO MONTHS

MAYHEM! MAYHEM! MAYHEM!

CRAVATH'S

EVENING LEDGER MOVIES—CORRECT, CHAWLES, BUT 'SNO MATTER IF GAVVY'S BAT IS STILL IN WORKING ORDER

