# "A PENNANT AND A PENANCE" BY VAN LOAN—BROOKLYN AND PHILS IN 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 tern trip. Manager Moran and the players believe that this can be accom-ted by winning two out of three in Browklyn and three out of four from the in this city. If Brooklyn should surprise the Phillies, they still believe they can gain a game on both Brooklyn and Boston by trimming the Giants, ille Brooklyn and Boston are battling in a four-game series in Brooklyn.

All things considered, this is one of the most critical weeks of the season or Moran's leaders. There are only three hard games on the card with a canant contender, but the New York series may prove harder than is expected. o necessary for the Phils to get out of the batting slump that prevented on from making a clean sweep of four out of five from the Giants.

If the Phillies can win five out of the next seven games, it seems certain they will have a five-game lead before they leave for the West. With this Manager Moran and every player on the team is confident that it will be able 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 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 an regain his old form, may be a great help to the team, but the rest of the f, barring Pfeffer, appear to have cracked. Brooklyn has a series with hillies and Braves scheduled for this week, and judging by the fast clip ch team has struck, it may be the Dodgers will fall by the wayside,

The Braves passed the Dodgers by winning from Robinson's team in Boston Saturday and on form Stallings' team should remain ahead of Brooklyn until While Brooklyn is playing the powerful Philly team the Braves are eting the Giants, who have not been able to do much against the world's pions. Brooklyn will surely have more trouble winning from the Phillies han the Braves will from the Glants, and this should enable Boston to pull way from the Dodgers.

While the Phillies and Giants are meeting later in the week, Boston and klyn will be battling again. With Rudolph, Ragon, Nehf and Hughes ng in freat form, Brooklyn will have trouble getting an even break. The ere' greatest chance is to cut down the lead of the Phillies before the stern trip. Brooklyn has been a poor road team throughout the season, and hus far they have failed to damage Moran's chances.

Brooklyn Must Sweep Series or Fall by the Wayside

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

If the Braves were on even terms with the Phillies today they would have a od chance of repeating, but even then Moran's team would look much better, 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

On the other hand, Moran has six first-class pitchers, all ready for a driving buish. Rudolph, the Braves' greatest hope, has been badly overworked. The little fellow is standing up in a remarkable manner under the strain, but he annot 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 get but an even break in the first four games in New York, but there is no great cause for worry as long es 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 hey were a week ago, even if Boston did gain a trifle. Neither Brooklyn nor can hope to overhaul, the Phillies if they cannot gain more than half sime a week. On form, Brooklyn should drop out as a dangerous contender ore the close of the week. A surprising reversal of form for both the Phillies and Brooklyn in the present series might upset the dope, but that 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 dopted by the C. Louis National League club is followed out by others it will 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 alber.

In an effect to drag the people out to the ball park the National League s anagement 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 feaare 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 s poor for inferest 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 snother cause for the falling off of the attendance during the week in many The major leagues would do well to make a rule prohibiting the schedulby of double-neaders on Saturdays and Sundays unless it is impossible to play games on other days. This may sound like treason to the fan who likes to two games is one afternoon for one admission, but it is necessary for the health of the gams.

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

Art Nehf Pitching Wonderful Ball

The wonderful work of young Art Nehf, the southpaw recruit from Terre Maute of the Central League, for the Braves recalls comment in these columns during the recent Philly-Boston series. At that time Sherwood 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 cam, to one hit and permitted but three men to bat to an inning for the entire came. This was a wonderful performance, and was all the more remarkable then one considers that the only hit made off his delivery was a high fly that was tost in the sun by Compton. Had Compton handled the ball Nehf not only would have pitched a hitiess game, but would have been credited with a perfect game, as Miller, who got the hits, was the only bataman to reach first base

#### Why the Phillies Lead in National League Race

Reasons why the Phillies are in the lead: The pitching string, especially ar a strong defensive pair at the middle of the diamond in Bancroft and best catcher in the league in Killefer; at home a convenient right call for Cravath and Luderus to poke the ball over."-From the New

Magon, the local lad tried out by Hughey Jennings when the Tigers re last, nop his 15th straight victory for Disston A. A. on Saturday, chief Towards to three hits, Diaston winning, 3 to 1. Mason is a son one-time owner of the Phillies, who is now tending gate WHEN A FELLER NEEDS A FRIEND



## MIDDIE FOOTBALL MEN HAVE BEGUN WORK FOR SEASON New York and Philadelphia

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

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. Their seasons are always thrillers, but this year, if possible, the public is taking more than the usual interest in their development. Already both academies are being swamped with requests for tickets. The Navy has stolen a march on the Army, for the middles had several weeks of preliminary practice during the summer, when most of the football players were home from a cruise.

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 Army this year. The soldiers have beaten the sallors twice in succession, 20 to 9 in 1913 and 20 to 0 last year, and the Navy wants revenge. The main upper class squad of the Navy will get down to work about the middle of this month, and will cut short their vacation 10 days to make this possible.

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Both teams open their schedule on the same date. October 2, and play eight games before their final clash with each The Navy has the more difficult schedule. The middles meet Georgetown, the University of Pittsburgh and the University of Pennsylvania for their first three opponents. This is the same order in which they opened a year ago. It is undoubtedly a poorly balanced schedule. the October games being too hard and the November contests too easy to permit of an evenly developed team. It will take the most careful sort of handling to have

the team at its best for the final game.

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 Dams, the Indiana men coming East on November 6. The two schools play but one team in common, that is Georgetown. But

6. The two schools play but one team in common, that is Georgetown. But while the Navy opens with Georgetown, West Point plays this team on October 22. 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 Butiar's place at tackle and they must replace Prichard at quarterback and Merrillat at end. It will not be an easy job to find another combination like that of Prichard and Merrillat. for this pair handled the forward pass better than any other two and Merrillat. for this pair handled the forward pass better than any other two men on the gridiron last year. They heat the Navy in 1918 and again in 1918. If the soldiers can fill their places acceptably, their team may be able to go through another season undefeated, as they did last year.

### **DOUGLAS CLUB BOUTS** SCHEDULED TONIGHT

Boxers Meet-No Big Matches on Tap Today

Navy Elevens for
Year 1915

STARS MISSING

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 Frankle Brown, of New York, encounters Harry Smith in the first half of the headliner.

The program is:

bout-Jack Kantrow, Southwark, vs. First bout—Jack Kantrow, Scullware, Johnny Campi, Southwark, Second bout—Charley Rear, Kensington, vs. Mike Daley, Kensington, Doyle, Pittsburgh, vs. Third bout—Jimmy Doyle, Pittsburgh, vs. Toung Jack Toland, 12th Ward. Semlwindup—Frankle Brown, New York, vs. Harry Smith, 18th Ward. Windup—Willie Beecher, New York, vs. Wille Houck, Germantown.

Unlike other years no big Labor Day fight attractions are scheduled in this country. Danny Morgan announced some time ago he had matched Battling Levin-sky to meet Jesse Willard at Brighton Beach today. The match was either called off, or more than likely it never was consummated. Joe Borrell finished training for his

match with Frank Loughrey at the Olym pia tomorrow night after a sizzling work-out with Jack Toland. Toland said Borrell was in great shape. Borrell admitted the same, which makes it unanimous. The Broadway Club's show for Thursday night will be: Willie Hannon vs. Darby Caspar, Phil Block vs. Mike Cos-ter, Jack Hagan vs. K. O. Sansom, George Blackburne vs. Willie Benckert and Young Mickey Gallagher vs. Packey

Danny Fergueon, of Manayunk, 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

feet 1 inch 185-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 Scranton, Pa., fight fans will see Bat-

tling Levinsky and Jack Keating in acion tonight.

Jimmy Cochran, who scored a number of knockout victories last year in the ban-tam division here, again will show his wares this season. The little West Philadelphian is a clever two-handed fighter.

BIKE RACES AT POINT BREEZE

40-mile Motor-Paced Event at Drome

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

# 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 sejourn 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, tunned 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 foot-ball 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 least year's freshman team ought to be a big help. Grant and Bell were both mighty good quarterbacks, while Quigley, Welsh and Ross were high-class men. I assume that Howard Berry, who played on the acrubs, will be tried first at half-

"It is in the line that we shall have the greatest problem. The loss of Norwald, a member of the 181 varsity, and of Peoples and Dewhurst, of the freshman team, has taken three good forwards from us. We expect Witherow and Dorizas, who played guard most of last year, to report again, and both should be better than ever. Then there had he has the weight, strength and gameness. Last year all he needed was experience, which he has now Probably both Wray and Matthews, who played halfback positions last year, will try for centre, provided the freshman and scrub material on which we are counting makes good."

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Do you begin to shift your-feet unean-conscientious young man allowed himself to be tempted into professional baseball in the first place? Ah' In that case, we will now step back to the beginning. You may have done peculiar things in your time, and pressed for the truth, will admit nine times out of ten that is was because you needed the money. It isn't the love of money that is at the root of all things—it is the need of it. "It is in the line that we shall have

# A PENNANT AND A PENANCE

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 Shortston

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THERE was no particular reason why Pete MacNabb should have made such a fuse about a Methodist shortstop. Pete was old enough to know better. He was the tough old manager of a-

Pete was old enough to know better. He was the tough old manager of a tough old big-league team, and his motto was that he was never licked until the last bat went into the bag. He had spent all his life with both eyes open and his ears cocked at a receptive angle, consequently he picked up many strange bits of information regarding the mational pastime, and those who took part in it for love, laurels or lucre.

In the course of this general accumulation of information. Pete had heard of ball players with conscientious scruples against donning the spikes and the spangles upon the Sabbath day—in fact, he had been personally acquainted with soveral of these peculiar athletes in his time—good players, too, come to think of it, and, for some reason or other, all amazingly heavy hitters. Pete had even heard of one enthusiast—a Seventh Day Adventist—who refused to play on Saturdays, and made up for that peculiarity by hatting at a 400 clip the rest of the week.

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week.

Unfoubtedly it was all in the way a fellow looked at it. Pete never allowed religion of any sort to worry him; baseball took up most of his waking hours. A religious "bug" was as good as any other kind of a ball player—if he was as good, and that was about as far as Pete cared to go in the premises. It was his private belief that prayers never wiseted the batting eye to any great exhis private belief that prayers never whetted the batting eye to any great ex-

Peter MacNabb was full of toleration upon the subject—even when the preacher ball player was on another man's pay roll—but it came as somewhat of a shock to him when David McKinstry Todd laid his finger upon the printed contract sheet and demanded a Sunday clause.

The tolerant MacNabb pushed his chair back from the table, and howled like a work.

"A Sunday clause! What kind of stuff

"I couldn't play ball on Sunday," said young David, eyeing the Goliath of organized baseball without a tremor.

"Ohe! You couldn't, eh? What's holding you?"

"We conscience. My religious belief."

ing you?"
"My conscience. My religious belief."
"Your conscience! What's that got to
do with baseball, I'd like to know?"
David reached for his hat, and that was
the first smooth pebble between the eyes

of the giant.

"Keep your shirt on, son," wheedled MacNabb. "Let's talk this thing over That blue-law stuff is all out of date. I've known some terrible feligious fellows on this ball club, and they all played on Sundays. We don't have no Sunday games at home, anyway, and we only draw a few on the road. Just a few games a season, kid. What difference would that make?"

"I couldn't," said young Todd earnestly, "You don't understand. I was—studying for the ministry."

for the ministry."
MacNabb fell back, aghast.
"A-preacher?"

young man nodded his head

Pete MacNabb drew a long breath, and leaned forward, speaking con-

fidentially.
"S-a-ay, lemme tell you a thing or two about this preacher business, my son. It's a bad line to go into. It's overdone. There



ain't no money in it. Why? Too much competition! Every little jerkwater town along the line has got a dozen preachers. and they're all starvin' to death. Saybe one out of a thousand grabs off a sood job in a big town, but it takes him thirty job in a big town, but it takes him thirty years to get there. This country is full of bush-league preachers, may boy, but there ain't more than five really great shortstops in the world! I wouldn't swell up, you understand, but, from what I've seen, you've got it in you to make it an even half dozen.

"What's the use of thumping a pulpit Sunday mornings to keep people awake, when you can be batting three hundred in the big league? What's the use of singing psalms, when you can be playing short like Hughie Jennings' ghost? Listen, boy: As a preacher you'd be

ing short like Hughie Jennings' ghoat? Listen, boy: As a preacher you'd be thrown away! Plumb wasted! What makes all these young college fellows hop into organised ball? These doctors and lawyers? Because they know that ball playin' is their long suit. They'd rather be good ball players than burn doctors or shyster lawyers. I ain't saying a thing against your religion, mind, but if you could preach as well as you could play ball they'd have you drafted onto 5th avenue your first season!"

MacNabb's argument was long but futile. In the end the stripling prevailed over the giant, and the Sunday clause was inserted. Pete wrote it with his own knotted fingers—and he wouldn't do it again—no, not for a Mathiewson of a Cobb.

David McKinstry Todd needed the

of course, the Terrors would not have needed a shortstop if Charlie Hadsell hadn't booked his spikes in the bag when he made that fatal feet-first silde to see Charlie was the veteran shortstop—an old man, all of 34, which is some age for an infielder—and his ankles were not as strong as they should have been. The left one flopped, and they carried Charlie Hadsell to the clubhoune, a total wreck. And this, mind you, was in June, when things were beginning to stiften up, and the first-division teams were snarling is a bunch, and the weaker sisters were dropping to the rear. Charlie was the veteran shortstor

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Hadeell's accident left a hole in that infield through which a coach and four might have been driven—everything olse was driven through it—and the substitute infielders could do no more than rattle around dolefully in Charlie Hadeall's allows risk a ligarited shows.

rattle around dolefully in Charlie Had-sell's discarded shoes.

A first-class shortstop, keyed up to Mr-league pitch, is rare and valuable. The finished article could not be bought, bor-rowed or stolen, and MacNabb sent out a long yell, which drove the scouts fut-tering in four directions. Charlie Had-sell was 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, who saw more with

ligaments the way he did.

Little Joe Sherman, who saw more with his watery eyes than any one would have suspected, was a scout who believed that no bet was too small to be everlooked. That was why he went out of his way to see 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. 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 trying big-town finance brought about trying oig-town the until fortune 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 mat-ter over with the girls, and they are willing to leave high school and go to work. If you can manage to struggle through college without any more help from home." from home—"
Davey did not read any more, but hustled to the telegraph station and

wired:
"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 his watery eyes and chewing fine-cut to-

(CONTINUED TOMORROW.)

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

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\* Indicates team did not play. Wanamaker A. A. Wins

The Wanamaker Athletic Amociation's base-ball club defeated the Evergreen team, of Wildwood, this morning by the scow of 4 to 2. The game was played at the Wana-maker grounds, 28th and Tanker streets. Both teams had seven hits to their credit and the winners amassed four errors to their cupo-nent's three, but the stars boys bunned they bingles in such a way that runs resulted.

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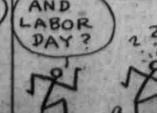
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