

NATIONAL LEAGUE RACE ABOUT DECIDED—PHILS REST FOR IMPORTANT CUB SERIES

ALL OVER BUT THE SHOUTING! PHILS JUST ABOUT CLINCH THE PENNANT

Double Victory Over St. Louis, Together With Remarkable Road Record, All But Settles the Issue in the National League

It is all over but the shouting. The National League pennant race is virtually settled. The much-feared St. Louis series is over, and now the Phillies have only six games to play in the West.

Instead of slowing down, the Phillies are traveling at a faster and more constant clip than they have since the first ten days of the season, and Boston and Brooklyn must realize by this time that nothing but a miracle can prevent the Phillies from winning out.

Since the disastrous series in Brooklyn the Phillies have won 11 games and lost only three, which is remarkable, in view of the strain caused by the crushing losses in Brooklyn.

Gameness of Phils, After Brooklyn Setback, Is Remarkable

The gameness of the Philly team has been one of the most striking features in the triumph which will soon be celebrated. In every crucial series, barring that one string in Brooklyn, the Phillies have played their best ball.

The present trip is the first of the year in which the Phillies batted so well as they should, and it is significant that only two home runs have been made on the road. The men have at last forgotten that desire, which sprung from the great success on the short field here, to whale the ball.

Much-Feared Batting Slump on Road Has Not Developed

There is no team in either league batting as well as the Phils at present. Other clubs have their good days when all of the men fatten their averages, but the Philly batting has been uniformly good.

It took a game team to start hitting on the road after the poor work that had been done previously on foreign fields. There is an old saying that a leading team is just as good as it is in game. If such is the case, the Phillies are truly the greatest team in the country.

Moran's Judgment in Handling Team Is Now Evident

Manager Moran has exercised wonderful judgment throughout the race, never once losing sight of the fact that it was a race of 154 games, and not a two-month affair. Perhaps the greatest work he has accomplished is with the pitching staff.

Two Castoffs Win Important Double-Header

Yesterday he sent George McQuillan and Al Demaree, two discards, to the mound for an important double-header.

Their work must make Fred Clarke and John McGraw wonder if baseball, after all, is not a large percentage luck and the "breaks." Certainly neither of these admitted anything at Pittsburgh and New York prior to the time they were cast off, but they are delivering for Moran, and that is all that interests the local fans.

Phillies Now Need Only Seven Out of Fourteen

Taking both games from the Cardinals in a most decisive manner the Phillies all but clinched the pennant. It is possible to lose, and to lose by a few games, but it is improbable. The Phillies need to win only seven of the 14 remaining games, and Boston must win 13 of its 13 games, while Brooklyn must win 13 out of 14 to tie the leaders.

Dash of the Braves Just a Little Too Late

Boston defeated Cincinnati yesterday. The Braves are playing really wonderful ball; but it is just a little too late. Had the champions started to play the same kind of ball a month ago there would be hope now; but it is virtually gone.

Athletics-Detroit Game Furnishes Real Laughs

The first game of the final series between the Mackmen and Detroit resulted in a victory for the Tigers, in one of the funniest ball games seen here in years. There were many odd plays which came up, and all ended in a laugh.

Tigers Seem to Have Given Up Pennant Hopes

Detroit did not play like a team that figured on winning the pennant in the final week of the season. To the contrary, the Tigers worked as if they knew they had no chance to overhaul the Red Sox. That Jennings himself has given up hope was evident when he failed to send a pitcher to warm up, with the Athletics two runs behind and runners on third and second bases.

Nabors, Another Mack Recruit, Pitches Great Ball

Aside from the humor, there was little to the game except a brilliant four-inning pitching exhibition by Nabors and some weird box work by Bush, Loudermilk and Bressler. Nabors did not allow a single clean hit and fanned five men in four innings. He used a new side-arm delivery, which has been taught him within the last two weeks in morning practice, and he is likely to improve rapidly from now on.

Ty Cobb Tries a New Stunt, But Burns Was Taking a Nap

The great and only Cobb had an erratic day. He got three hits, stole three bases, was caught asleep on the bases once and made two errors. One of his errors was due to Burns' sleepiness. Ty tried to pull a play that has not been seen here in many moons, and would have got away with it had Burns been awake.

Wally Schang Looks Better Every Day in Centre Field. He is piling up a most remarkable number of assists, and there are few extra bases taken on balls hit to his territory.

The wrestling match between McIntie and Stange when the former tried to score on an infield hit was as funny as anything ever pulled on a ball field.

EVENING LEDGER MOVIES "CATCH" AND "SWAT" HAPPEN TO BE TV'S MIDDLE NAMES

A FLY, A FLY! A FLY, A FLY! WELL TYRUS WAD'R YA GONNA DO- CATCH IT? NO! I'M GONNA SWAT IT!

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KELLY—LOST HIS PILL



MERION TO BID FOR NATIONAL TENNIS MEET

Classic Could Be Staged With Ease on Haverford Courts

RECORD YEAR IN SPORTS

Despite the fact that Philadelphia will be the scene of the women's national lawn tennis championship next year, as well as the national amateur golf championships, the Merion Cricket Club, at the annual meeting of the United States National Lawn Tennis Association this winter, will make a bold bid for the 20th national tennis championship.

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WEST IS LAND OF DISASTER FOR BROOKLYN; BRAVES' HOPES

First Invasion All But Clipped Wings of Robins—Boston's Batting Power Lessened—Strength of Red Sox and Tigers

By GRANTLAND RICE

Great Sayings by Great Men "Batteries for the first game—Alexander and Killifer."—F. Moran. "I never knew a cellar was deep and dark and cold."—C. Mack. "Well, Caesar, Alexander and Napoleon got theirs, too."—John McGraw. "Money can buy everything except what you want."—C. Comiskey.

Detroit and Brooklyn or Boston may yet meet in the forthcoming world series, and tomorrow some one may slip us a million, minus an I. O. U.

John Kelly, the Yale star, has launched out as a subway guard rather than play professional baseball. Whereas there are any number of fine subway guards who have launched their careers the other way.

Brooklyn's Chance

If some wise judge had framed a law making it illegal for Brooklyn to take a Western trip, the Dodgers would now be 17 lengths beyond the field.

Playing through the East they have moved along with a combination of grandeur and pep. But white bleached bones of their dreamers have been scattered thick along the Western plains.

On their first Western jaunt the Dodgers lost 10 out of 13 starts. They tore the Eastern roadshow into shreds, but again of West they were stopped with one of those thuds that the novelist frequently calls "dull and sickening."

Having recovered this ground at home once more—most of it—even by taking three in a row from the Phillies, they have again been unable to get a toe-hold upon Western soil. Which accounts for the fact the Colonel Ebbets is looking earnestly for the soothsayer who first said "Go West, young man."

The Brave Barrier

The Braves won a pennant last fall through fine fighting, fine pitching and a club batting average of .262.

They have had good pitching and they have fought well this season, but with a batting average of .271, 10 points below the next weakest batting club, they will not have to travel any extended distance to find out their inability to repeat.

The White Sox once won a pennant with a batting average of .221. But they stand as the only club ever developed able to use one hit for the manufacture of two runs.

Red Sox Strength

One esteemed critic has figured it out that Red Sox pre-eminence in the pennant race is due to fine defensive strength—great pitching and fine fielding.

This doesn't account for the entire scheme of things. The Red Sox beyond the gray ghost of a doubt have the finest defensive ball club in the game. They have always had four or five star pitchers in shape.

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From the start of the game until it ended it was anybody's contest. Johnson and Todd, the Ridge and Frankford pitchers, respectively, were never in better form.

Graham, third baseman of the winners, was the heaviest hitter, with three straight hits.

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