

BOSTON VS. PHIL PITCHERS PROBLEM OF JOE WOOD—NEW STAR MAY SHINE IN SERIES

VARIETY AND POWER OF PHIL PITCHING OUTCLASSES RED SOX

If Joe Wood Is Unfit Moran's Club Has Big Advantage. Alexander Not the Only Hurler to Be Figured On. There's Chalmers, Rixey and Mayer

Pitching is at least 50 per cent. of any ball game, and in a world's series contest it must be estimated at even more.

Harring the White Sox-Cub clash, in 1908, every world's series has been decided on pitching. Several clubs, generally considered inferior, have been victorious in the baseball classic merely because their pitching was superior.

There has always been more or less argument as to whether it is pitching superiority or batting weakness that causes low-score games, but it is generally admitted that the strength or weakness of the pitching will determine the degree of batting. The greatest hitting teams in the game have fallen before a high-class twirler so repeatedly that it is no longer blamed on batting weakness if a team of sluggers falls before a sensational pitcher.

Straight Baseball Will Decide World's Series

The coming world's series probably will be no different from those of the past. It most likely will be featured by brilliant pitching, with little inside baseball. Every world's series has been won on straight baseball, air-tight defensive play and superior pitching, and neither the Red Sox nor the Phillies has shown enough variation of play to warrant the belief that this series will not be a mediocre one, with the pitchers always in the limelight.

Even the most rabid American Leaguer admits that the Phillies have a wonderful chance with Alexander the Great in such splendid condition. The general question is: How many games can Alexander pitch and win? If he can pitch four games, National Leaguers take it for granted that the Phillies will win, but in this they are reckoning entirely without the Red Sox.

Cubs Like Alex's Pitching; Sox May Be of Same Mind

It is no sure thing that Alexander will not be beaten by the Red Sox just as often as the Cubs beat him. The teams are almost identical in style of attack. The Red Sox are superior to the Cubs in pitching, judgment and harmony, but their attack is no stronger, and it is well for the Phillies that it is not.

The Speaker of the Cub machine is Saler, the Hoblitzel is Schulte, while the Gardner is Cy Williams. All of these men always have been strong against hurling of the Alexander style, but the American League champions have not faced side-arm pitching with as much on it as Alexander always shows.

The Unexpected May Happen; a New Star May Shine

But it is no sure thing that Alexander will do all that is expected of him. Joe Wood won 24 games and lost five in 1912, including a string of 16 straight, yet he was by no means a star in the world's series. He pitched one good game, fairly well in another, but was batted out of the box in his other attempt. Marbesh was beaten three times in that same series; Camnitz was looked upon as the mainstay of the Pirates in 1909, but it was Babe Adams who won the world's title; Mordecai Brown failed the Cubs in 1910, and there are innumerable instances where the dependable has fallen down.

The question is: Where will the Phillies stand if Alexander fails to live up to expectations? The impression is general that the rest of the Philly staff does not even compare with that of the Red Sox, but nothing is further from the truth.

Phils Have Best Chance Even Without Alexander

While the defeat of Alexander in the first game would surely affect the confidence of the Phillies, it would not put them out of the running by a long shot. Chalmers, Mayer and Rixey are almost unbeatable when right, and no twirlers have shown greater consistency than this trio throughout the present season. The average runs scored off the Philly twirlers in a race where eight teams had a chance for the pennant at the half-way mark, and where the strain was great, has been as small as the record of the Red Sox pitchers, and the Philly twirlers have stood up under the strain.

Red Sox Pitching Staff Composed of Youngsters

Everybody seems to have overlooked the fact that, barring Joe Wood, there is not a twirler on the Red Sox staff who is really a world's series experienced pitcher. They all possess a remarkable amount of talent for youngsters, but none of them has really been put to a test.

It is one thing for a manager to start a pitcher off in a game during the regular playing season of 154 games, knowing that the loss of one game will not wreck his chances, but it is quite another starting the same youngster when thousands of dollars and the championship of the world are at stake.

Chalmers, Mayer and Rixey Should Deliver

Chalmers, Mayer and Rixey have been pitching major league ball for years and are seasoned veterans, while Foster, Shore, Ruth and Leonard have yet to show that they can stand up under fire. One might say that one year in the American League with a close race is enough of a test, but it is not; better pitchers than any mentioned above have fallen down in world's series games.

Wood Believed to Be in Bad Shape

That Joe Wood's arm is not right is the opinion of scribes even in Boston, where they are depending on the veteran star more than they are willing to admit. If Wood's arm is really in bad shape, the Red Sox pitching staff, with four youngsters, will not look so powerful.

Shore is the logical choice to start the series for the Red Sox, but even if he should win from Alexander he is not likely to repeat in a hurry, as the big fellow is far from strong physically. He is best with four or five days' rest. Ruth, the other Boston twirler, with wonderful natural ability, is decidedly green, and there is hardly a chance of him starting a game unless it is as a last resort.

Leonard and Foster Carrigan's Best Bets

Leonard and Foster, two clever hurlers, who know more than Shore and Ruth, are to be feared, but as the former is a southpaw, his chance of beating the Phillies is not great, particularly if he faces them in this city. A year ago Leonard looked like another Waddell, but he has lost a great deal of the work on his fast ball, and is now depending more on his knowledge of the batsmen—and with less success.

All things considered, Foster is more likely to trouble the Phillies than any other hurler on the Red Sox staff. Foster has nothing in the way of shoots out of the ordinary, but has good command of everything. He is always pitching to a batter's weakness, has excellent control and plenty of nerve. His curve ball is far superior to that of any other Boston right hander, and at times he has a good splitter, also.

Chalmers Should Prove a Star

However, at his best, Foster is not a better pitcher than Chalmers, if as good. Shore may have more natural talent, but his ability to stand the gauntlet is to be doubted. Chalmers is a far better pitcher than he has ever been credited with, and is one of the hardest men in the country to beat in a game of importance.

The record of the big spit-baller shows that he has seldom failed the Phillies in an important game before a large crowd, and he is never troubled by the shouts of the throngs on a strange field. A spit-ball pitcher with Chalmers' experience and nerve has an excellent chance of completely fooling the Red Sox, as high-class spit-ball pitchers in the American League are scarce. In addition, the Red Sox have never been able to do much with spit-ball pitchers, this being one of the main reasons why the Tigers purchased Bill James from St. Louis late in the season.

Rixey and Mayer Have Baffling Styles

Rixey is the ideal man to oppose the Red Sox after Alexander has faced them, but there is a tendency on the part of the lanky southpaw to "blow up" in a pinch, and he is, therefore, a dangerous proposition until the series is well under way.

The same thing may be said for Mayer. His side-arm delivery ordinarily should be troublesome to any team in a series of this sort. He is of that type of twirler who looks easy to hit, but the batters are always just failing to meet the ball properly. With a team anxious and under a strain, Mayer's delivery probably would fool them, but his break-down in the middle of the season has hurt his confidence, and a bad break might send him into the air easily.

Demaree or McQuillan are scarcely to be counted upon, although both know more about the fine art of pitching than most of the Philly twirlers. For relief work, however, they may be invaluable.

The return of "Smoky Joe" Wood to form may be a little surprise that Carrigan has up his sleeve for the Phillies, and this alone would send the Red Sox into the battle with an edge in the pitching. But without Wood, the Phillies, with their one star, Alexander, and other seasoned veterans, look better for a short series.

CHANEY'S LEFT WINS OVER MORGAN'S LEFT; NOTTER MEETS BAKER

Baltimore K. O. Battler Defeats Briton by Big Margin at Olympia—Douglas Bouts Tonight

WILLIAMS VS. BRANDT

Short left swings predominated over stiff southpaw jabs when George Chaney, Knockout King of Baltimore, clashed with Eddie Morgan, England's clever boxer, in the windup at the Olympia A. A. last night. As a result the American fistfighter was a winner by a wide margin.

Chaney commenced hostilities as if he would make good his K. O. moniker. He delivered hard left swings and right hooks to Ed's head, which set him to the ropes. At close quarters George beat a terrific tattoo of hard wallops with both hands to Morgan's body. The Briton bled from mouth and nose. Both boys were of the same weight, 125½ pounds.

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Young Jack O'Brien's cleverness stood him in good stead in the semi-windup against Alex Costica, 167½, and Jumping Johnny, 148, was the victor. In the other bout Danny Ferguson, 127, defeated Johnny Nelson, 124½; Joe O'Neil, 129, defeated Johnny Kelly, 126½, and Jimmy McCabe, 113, outboxed Al Moore, 108.

An intercity contest is the feature fray on the Douglas Club's program tonight. Frank Notter, a hard-hitting southpaw, welterweight from New York, will encounter Willie Baker, of this city.

The program follows: First bout—Skinny Davidson, North Penn. vs. Joe Rowland, 105½. Second bout—Phil Ryan, Fairmount, vs. Al Ford, 125½. Third bout—Smoky Hollow, vs. Frankie Conway, 117½. Semi-windup—Young Jack O'Neil, 127½, vs. Jimmy Devine, Smoky Hollow, 127½. Windup—Frankie Nelson, 124½, vs. Willie Baker, 126½. Tenth bout—Baltimore Nantam Champion Kid Williams and Dutch Brandt, of New York, will clash in a 10-round bout at Lyric Theatre. Gus Lewis, of this city, will meet Frankie Brown, of New York, in the semi.

Jim Savage and Giant-Killer Jack Dillon clash at the Broadway Sporting Club, Brooklyn, tonight. Johnny Dundee will weigh 130 pounds for his match with Willie Ritchie in New York, Thursday night.

The Olympia show for next Monday night follows: Joe Shugrus vs. Eddie McAndrew; Frankie Burns vs. Arthur Simons; Steve Lento vs. Joe Hetterman; Mickey Decker vs. Johnny Piazzi; and Sammy Brown vs. Joe Tubber.

The proposed all-star world's series boxing program, planned by Bobby Morrow and Bob Deadly at Convention Hall, has fallen through. Sam Robbeaux will make his first appearance of the season Friday night at the National Club. Joe Azevedo, Portuguese boxer from Seattle, Wash., will be Bobby's opponent.

PHIL DOUBLE-HEADER OFF UNTIL TOMORROW

Rain Causes Postponement and Season Here Will End Wednesday

PHIL DOUBLE-HEADER OFF UNTIL TOMORROW

Rain today caused the postponement of the National League season in this city until tomorrow, when the Phillies and Brooklyn Dodgers will meet in a double-header which was scheduled for this afternoon.

The first game tomorrow will start at 1:30 with Demaree the choice for mound duty for the Phillies. It is likely that two of the veterans may be sent in for the second game to give them a chance to loosen up for the world's series.

Many fans believe that Moran is making a mistake in not working his regular pitchers a few innings at least in order to keep their control up to the mark. Lack of work after a hard campaign sometimes throws a twirler completely off his stride, but Moran knows his pitchers well and they are the least of his worries.

The rest of the team is working easily and no chances were taken in yesterday's game with the Dodgers. The Phillies were beaten, but they fans were satisfied with the general work of the team. The game was played in 43 minutes, a record for this city. The peculiar part about the shortness of the game was that the players made no attempt to make a record and played ordinary ball, and apparently did not hurry more than usual. It just happened that the first ball looked good to the batters, and they invariably hit it, and as hits, passes and errors were scarce, the game was remarkably fast.

Pfeffer, the Dodgers' best twirler, worked against the Phillies yesterday, and it is likely that Sherwood Smith and Jack Coombs will give them some excellent batting practice tomorrow.

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THE PENNANT-WINNING PHILLIES

The Evening Ledger is publishing sketches of the members of the Philly team. These sketches will be published in pamphlet form and will be given away world's series souvenirs to any reader of the Evening Ledger who will send or bring in three of the sketches, clipped from the paper. The pamphlets will be ready in a few days. Watch for the announcement.

No. 8—FREDERICK W. LUDERUS

Frederick W. Luderus, the slugging captain and first baseman of the champions, was born at Milwaukee, Wis., on September 12, 1886. His awkward build caused him to be shifted about a great deal early in his baseball career and until he joined the Phillies he never seemed to fit anywhere.

Luderus began his career with the Grand Fork, N. D., team of the Northern League in 1905. The following year he was with Winnipeg and remained there until the middle of 1908, when he was shifted to Duluth.

In the spring of 1909 he joined Freeport of the Wisconsin-Illinois League and found his stride for the first time. The Chicago National League team drafted him at the close of the 1909 season, but in the middle of the 1910 season Manager Chance sold him to the Phillies to help the local team, which was in a bad way, Kitty Brandfield being out of the game.

Luderus made good at once with the Phillies and started off the 1911 season as a regular. It was generally believed that Brandfield would win his position back in the warmer weather, but Luderus was batting at a terrific rate and Brandfield was released. Luderus has been a valuable member of the Phillies since, but never played so brilliantly as he has during the past season.

His selection as captain was ridiculed in some quarters, but he has proved himself one of the most capable leaders in the game.

The present season has been the banner year of Luderus' career. He is a right-handed thrower and left-handed batsman. He stands 5 feet 11½ inches in height and weighs 180 pounds.

FOOTBALL SEVEREST STRAIN ON ATHLETES; ROWING NEXT

J. C. Martin, of Philadelphia, Suggests Discussion of Relative Severity of Various Sports. Sprints Probably Rank Third

J. C. Martin, 1234 Stiles street, this city, has written to this office to decide a little discussion he had recently relative to the severity on the athletes of rowing, boxing, cross-country running, football and sprinting. The sports according to their degree of power required are ranked in the following order: (1) Football, (2) Rowing, (3) Sprinting, (4) Cross-country running, (5) Boxing.

Here are the reasons for the ranking: From every viewpoint of physical torture, endurance, skill, speed, etc., rowing is the most severe. It is a sport in which the most gruelling of all pastimes, persons who all day in the stands and witness the play probably do not realize the terrific strain the players undergo. There is not a human faculty that is not brought into actively when a game is at its height. Every muscle, every organ of the body, is taxed. There is more real physical action crammed into the four football periods than in the average laborer's day's work.

It is a bit more difficult to place the second sport. Rowing, it is believed, should be rated second. In a four-mile race, such as is rowed by the colleges, the men suffer agonies of physical effort, and the worst condition of many of the crews at the end is an indication of the strained powers of endurance. Then again, the oarsman has all of his efforts confined, so to speak, to his arms and back, and any one knows what such a condition entails. It means the suffering athlete must endure all sorts of mental anguish and without a yelp, for he is a true sportsman and must not give up until nature forces him, and then only at the very finish, when collapse usually takes place.

Sprinting is to be ranked third. The term sprinting, it must be understood, includes the shorter distance dashes up to the quarter mile, and for sake of a definite argument the maximum sprint distance is cited to point out its trying qualities. Ask any experienced track and field man which event is the hardest on the athletic program, and he will in nearly every case vote "the quarter."

Here's the reason: In a well-matched field of runners in the "40" it is a case of "lickety-split" all the way, and there is not a chance for even the slightest let-up. It is not a run, mind you, as the men of this day are trained to tear through the distance at express-train speed. When a man runs the distance in seconds and under some idea of the tremendous effort required is understood.

"Ted" Meredith, double winner at the Franklin Field intercollegiate, turned the quarter in 48 seconds flat. To do this Meredith used every ounce of his strength, and when a man runs to the tape about "all in" it must, indeed, be a terrific test. The quarter-mile runner hasn't a chance in the world to eat, and he finishes only at the expenditure of every ounce of the muscular and nervous energy. The all-around faculties are

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GUS ZEIGLER, EX-PENN STAR, WHIPS HAVERFORD INTO SHAPE

All-American Guard Takes Up Work as Coach With Fine Prospects—Outlook at Penn Charter. Practice at Germantown

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

Gus Zeigler, all-American guard, former Penn player and coach of Mercersburg, Exeter and West Virginia University teams, has been appointed coach of the line men at Haverford School this year. He will assist coaches Palmer and Towne, beginning next week.

Zeigler, who is one of the foremost coaches in the country, has been much sought after by big colleges this year, but his business connections prevented him from leaving Philadelphia. He refused many offers and the Main Line school is lucky to get his services.

At Mercersburg Zeigler turned out good teams, but his best work was at Phillips Exeter Academy, when he developed an eleven that played Andover to a standstill in 1911 and 1912. After years of defeat the Exeter players found that they had a chance to win, and although they lost the game in 1912 by the score of 7 to 9, they really outplayed their opponents. Ted Jones took Zeigler's place in 1913, and benefited by the coaching of the year before. Exeter ran up a huge score on Andover in the annual game.

The prospects for a good team at Haverford are unusually bright this year. Many new men have reported for practice and the vacancies left by graduation have been filled. The first game, which was played with West Philadelphia High last Friday, resulted in a victory by the score of 2 to 0. The Main Liners outplayed their opponents, but were unable to pile up scores because of the rain-soaked field. Brown and Lewis showed up well and Moore surprised the coaches by averaging more than 40 yards in his punts.

Manager Warburton has completed his schedule, which is as follows: October 8, Episcopal at Haverford; October 15, Northeast High at Haverford; October 22 (morning), Perkiomen Seminary at Haverford; October 30, Pennington Seminary at Pennington; November 6, Hill School at Haverford.

Charles F. Pennock, centre and tackle on Penn Charter last year, has been elected captain of the football team, to succeed Pete Heck. Pennock was All-American centre in 1914, is a good all-around man and should prove to be an excellent leader. Heck, who has had scholastic difficulties, will stay on the squad and play one of the backfield positions.

With six veterans as a nucleus, Coach Dick Merritt has prospects of building up another championship eleven. In the line Brown, J. Sangree, Lane and Captain Pennock played last year, as did Heck and Walsh in the backfield. This leaves but five positions to fill, but with a large squad of candidates to select from it should not be a difficult task.

Merritt has turned out championship football teams since he took charge of athletics at Penn Charter and his work has been a big surprise. When Dr. Al Sharpe accepted the position as head coach at Cornell, Merritt, who was then

playing on the Yale baseball team, was picked as his successor. To follow a man like Sharpe and try to fill his shoes is the same as sending a bush leaguer to bat for Ty Cobb in the ninth inning with the bases full. However, Merritt has made good, and a few intercollegiate banners won by his teams prove it.

The first game of the season resulted in a victory over Cheltenham High and the new men put up a good article of football. The next game is with Norristown High on Friday.

Russell Van Selver, star tackle on last year's team, probably will not return to Germantown Academy this fall. His loss will be keenly felt, as he was depended upon to bolster up the line. With Van Selver out of the game Germantown will have a very light team, and Coach Bus-ton now is trying to develop speed to offset the weight handicap. The opening game of the season with Lansdowne High, scheduled for last Friday, was called off because of rain, and the team will have its first tryout against Cheltenham High at Elkins Park Friday.

La Salle College took up football this year and the team is slowly turning into shape. Walter Dunn, the new coach, has done wonders with green material and probably will turn out a first-class eleven. The first game against Germantown High resulted in a scoreless tie.

Trenton Auto Races Wednesday

TRENTON, Oct. 4.—The officials of the Trenton Interstate Fair have decided to hold the automobile races next Wednesday. The races were postponed from Friday last because of the rain. Art Smith, the aviator, will race the attractions. The races will start at 12 o'clock.

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