

GAMENESS VERSUS BALANCE IN WORLD'S SERIES—TEAMS READY FOR GREAT BATTLE

PHILLY PEP MAY UPSET BOSTON BALANCE IN THE CLASSY CLASH

Admittedly Red Sox Have Better Team, as a Team, But as Individuals With the Ginger and the Fighting Spirit Moranmen are There

Ask average baseball dopesters why they regard the Red Sox so much superior to the Phillies and they will tell you that it is a better ball team. Ask for reasons and compare the men individually and they will tell you that, while there is not so much difference in that way, the Red Sox are nevertheless by far the better team.

Many reasons are given, aside from the tell-tale figures. For instance, one will say that the Phillies do not look like a great ball team, which is true. They do not go through a remarkable and showy practice as some other teams which finished lower in the race, and they have not the ease and grace, but they get there.

The Red Sox Form a Smoothly-Running Machine

It is only natural that the Red Sox look better. That something called "balance" makes Carriagan's team look so much better. Boston has one of the best balanced teams ever constructed. There is only one real star, Speaker, and he is not what he was a few years ago.

These near stars, all graceful and finished ball players, have been welded together into a wonderful machine by Carriagan; but it is still a great question whether they are as strong as they look. A natural ball player always looks much better until the fans realize that the ungainly and hustling fellow is always getting results, while the graceful player is constantly doing the wrong thing at the wrong time.

Balance Counts Heavily in Season Stretch

Balance means a lot to a ball team, particularly when it is playing over a stretch of 154 games. Tail-end and careless teams are always more affected by the balance of a pennant contender than a game, hustling team with good pitching.

All great teams do not have this balance, and in 15 years there have been only three combinations that had much of it—the old Cub machine, the Mackmen and the Red Sox. It is mostly due to the manner in which the styles of the players fit together so well. Being natural ball players and having the advantage of years of experience, every player on the Red Sox team seems to know exactly what the other is going to do and what should be expected of him.

An Aggressive Foe Means Much in Short Battle

A team of this sort plays a methodical but not a mechanical game. It seems to take everything just as it comes and does not worry when the breaks are going against it, so long as these breaks are not forced by the opposing team. But let the opposing team take the initiative and beat a team that has balance as its greatest asset and invariably it will crumble faster than even a mediocre aggregation.

It has always been a great question whether these smooth-running, methodical teams are better fitted for a short series than a band of hustling, fighting players, all eager and bent on winning. The latter team goes into the game in an entirely different frame of mind. The players are keyed up to a top pitch. They care not how they go after a ball. All they want to do is to get it.

Phillies Are Either Brilliant or Badly Off Form

Their work is generally fast but choppy, either brilliant or miserable. They have no in-betweens. Give this sort of a team the breaks and it is almost impossible to beat it. Give it a bad start and it will fight even harder. Nothing worries a team of that sort, so long as it has a leader who can keep his head up under fire.

This is the position the Phillies are in today, just as the Braves were when they faced the Mackmen in the opening game of the 1914 world's series. The Phillies are no gamer, because that is impossible. Their pitching staff is no better, as a staff, but Moran has Alexander the Great. In offensive power the Phillies outrank the Braves of 1914, but in defense the Braves have the edge.

Moran's Club Much Like the Braves of 1914

Last season the Braves were far from a graceful team, barring the combination play of Maranville and Evers; but in this respect they were just as good as the Phils are at present. The aggressiveness in actual play of the Braves waned this season or it would still be as strong as in 1914. The two teams are much alike; but the Phillies are better fitted for a short series because of Alexander's pitching prowess and the long-distance hitting of Luderus and Cravath.

Athletics of 1914 Possessed Much Balance

The Athletics were a greater team prior to the world's series last year than the Red Sox are today. They were just as well balanced and had more power. Their pitchers were veterans and were considered stronger than the staff of the Red Sox, but the Mackmen succumbed to the fast, rapid-fire attack and wonderful pitching of the Braves.

Ginger and fighting spirit have been largely responsible for the success of the Phillies this season. It has been a team that did not know how to quit. Many times during the season it looked as if the team was about to fulfill predictions and crack, but it always came back and played better ball in every critical series than in games against weaker teams.

There is no denying the fact that getting the jump on the opposing team is half the battle in any game. It is even more necessary in a short series with so much at stake. However, it is one thing getting the jump and it is still another to keep a great advantage gained. A fighting, hustling team has a better chance to come back after a reverse than a team which depends so much on balance and machine-like play. This was evident in the world's series between the Braves and Athletics last fall.

First Inning Gave Rudolph Confidence That Won

In the first inning of the opening game Rudolph was nervous and unsteady. As a result, his control was poor, and Murphy singled after three balls had been called. Oldring sacrificed and Collins was passed. Rudolph was plainly worried and could not get the first two balls over to Baker.

Instead of allowing the Braves' star to pitch his string out, Baker swung at a bad ball and raised a foul just back of first. Schmidt pulled the ball down. Murphy attempted to reach third after the catch, but Schmidt's great throw to Deal retired him, ending an inning which opened as if the Mackmen were going to put the game on ice.

World's Series Was Won From the Jump

That double play had a magical effect on the Braves. Their confidence returned, and Rudolph was master of the situation for the rest of the game. Bender may have been off form, or the Braves may have just hit the ball hard after that first inning, but the fact remains that there was nothing to the series from that point on.

Balance and a wonderful attack had carried the Mackmen through the American League and to world's championships for years, but when they found that the Braves came back so strong and would not be beaten by a bad start it seemed that the spirit and balance of the Mackmen collapsed completely. For the rest of the series it was not the well-oiled, perfectly balanced team it had been before. It was a demoralized, beaten aggregation, which had earned its triumphs in its own league so easily that it did not know what it was to face a team like the Braves, which loved a battle all the way.

In the final game of the series the Braves actually acted as if they despised the Mackmen because they did not fight them as they had been fought in the National League.

Boston Red Sox Like Mackmen Last Year

The Red Sox are in very much the same position as the Mackmen. Barring Detroit, there was not a team capable of giving them a real battle for the pennant. The Yankees upset the Red Sox many times, but they were not in the race and there was nothing at stake in any series.

The fact that the Red Sox outclassed every team in the league, but the Tigers, may have a bad effect on them in the coming series if the first breaks of the opening game go to the Phillies.

Balance is a wonderful thing, and it is a pleasure to watch the Red Sox play, but for a short series in which one team has a pitcher who is almost invincible the fighting spirit and dash are a wonderful asset.

NOW THAT THE AGONY IS ALL OVER



PENN'S BACKFIELD PUZZLE TO COACHES

Composition Is Still Unsettled.
Development Has
Been Slow

With the State College game only two days off the University of Pennsylvania football coaches are still undecided on the composition of their back field. It is one of the surprising developments of the season that the backs have developed more slowly than the line. When the men came up from Port Deposit it was feared the line would be weak, but predicted that the back field would be the strongest in years. What has happened is that the line has played without a change from the day the men had their first scrimmage on Franklin field, while the backs have been shifted repeatedly. And what is more, there is apparently little chance for a change in the line except at one of the ends.

At the close of yesterday's practice Berry at quarterback and Quigley at fullback looked like the only backfield fixtures. This, however, will depend upon their showing the same form they have done during the practices this week. Berry in particular has surprised the coaches by the energetic way he has gone about the correction of his faulty tackling and interference. All he needs to clinch his position is to continue this sort of game. The coaches have spared Quigley from much of the hard scrimmaging this week because of the minor injuries he received in the Franklin and Marshall game.

The real backfield fight is over the two halfback positions. When the season opened it was thought that Welsh and Ross had the inside track here. But both have suffered from injuries and during their absence from the game several other men have shown up in sensational fashion. Williams, in particular, has developed the best ground-gaining ability, while Tighe, Dougherty and Derr have been doing splendid work.

As things now stand, the men who get these places will get them because of their defensive ability. There is not enough difference in the offensive strength of these five men to prefer one much above another. Welsh and Ross have probably the best chance to win out because of their defensive strength. With Berry and Quigley playing back, Ross and Welsh can back up the line better than any other pair. The coaches are now working to improve their defensive play.

ENTRIES FOR TOMORROW AT LAUREL RACE TRACK

First race, selling, 3-year-olds and up, 4 furlongs—Jim Basey, 111; Pontefract, 110; Hermudale, 112; Gold City, 112; Devil Finn, 106; Lights Out, 103; Kewpie, 103; Evelyn C. 98; Minstrel, 98.
Second race, selling, 2-year-olds and up, 4 furlongs—Martin Ganes, 108; Fly Strake, 108; Chesteron, 108; Finkle Bell, 107; Plantagenet, 103; Page White, 102; Woodling, 102; Luther, 102; Beverly James, 98.
Third race, selling, 3-year-olds and up, 4 furlongs—Vile, 103; Gold City, 112; Quince, 112; Edmund Adams, 110; Lily Orme, 108; Helen, 108; Outlook, 101; Athena, 103.
Fourth race, selling, 3-year-olds and up, mile and sixteenth—Carlton G. 110; Dartworth, 107; Gallon, 107; Blake and Cap, 107; Luther, 106; Ella Nile, 100; Royal Meteor, 112.
Fifth race, pure, 2-year-olds, 5 1/2 furlongs—Straggle, 112; Idaho, 108; Fair Weather, 106; Virginia M., 106; Broom Vale, 105; Sand Light, 97.
Sixth race, selling, 3-year-olds and up, mile and sixteenth—Heater, 104; Watertown, 102; Bora, 102; Caravane, 102; Sigma Alpha, 100; Burgon, 97; Menlo Park, 103.
Apprentice allowance claimed.

High School Golf Meet Next
NEW YORK, Oct. 7.—High school golfers arranged for their individual championship at a meeting yesterday at De Witt Clinton High School. The tournament will be held at Van Cortlandt Park on October 22 and 23.

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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 as 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 mementoes will be ready in a few days. Watch for the announcement.

No. 10—DAVID J. BANCROFT

David Bancroft, the Phillies' brilliant shortstop, was born at Sioux City, Ia., on April 20, 1892, and started his professional baseball career with the Superior, Wisconsin-Minnesota, team in 1909, and has never played with Madison, as has been stated many times. Bancroft was 17 years old when he joined Superior, and remained with that team until he was drafted by Portland, of the Pacific Coast League, in the fall of 1911.

In the spring of 1912 he was utility infielder for Portland, but in midseason was transferred to Judge McCredie's Portland, Northwestern League, team, which played on the Pacific Coast League grounds when that team was away from home.

Bancroft was returned to the Pacific Coast League team late in 1913, and played wonderful ball during the 1914 season.

After the drafting season had closed and most of the purchases been made, "Cap" Neal, the Philly scout, took a trip to the far West and purchased Bancroft against the advice of others, who declared that Corhan, of San Francisco, was a better ball player. Bancroft played wonderful ball for the Phillies throughout the season, and is really the keystone to the infield. He bats left-handed against right-handed pitching, and switches to his natural position when southpaws are on the mound.

Men who switch according to the style of the pitcher are usually weak on curve-ball pitching, but Bancroft bats just as well from either side of the plate, and if he has a weakness it has not been discovered by National League twirlers.

ROYAL ROOTERS ON WAY TO THIS CITY

Four Hundred of Famous Band
Due Here Tomorrow Morn-
ing to Root for Red Sox

BOSTON, Oct. 7.—Boston's royal rooters, 400 strong, left the South Station this afternoon bound for New York. Philadelphia and the opening games of the world's series. The royal rooters are made up of prominent politicians, bankers, tradesmen and others who are loyal first and all the time to Boston's baseball teams. Last year they rooted for the Braves; this year it is the Red Sox.

President Lannin, owner of the Red Sox, with his wife and daughter, were cheered repeatedly by the Boston fans as they boarded the train to make the trip with the royal rooters. The rooters carried their own band, their own troubadours, their own chorus and their own scenery. They promise that the Red Sox will feel right at home when they start "Tease" in the Philadelphia grandstand tomorrow afternoon. They stop over in New York, where they are going to parade and bet a lot of money on the Red Sox. They proceed to the Quaker City tomorrow afternoon.

Philly 300 Boston fans, who, owing to business or shortage in the money market, could not make the trip, gathered at the station to cheer the rooters' special train as it pulled out.

PHILLY NET DEVOTEES IN HOT SPRINGS PLAY

Many Local Stars to Enter
Tennis Tournament Open-
ing October 11

The fourth annual open lawn tennis tournament of the Virginia Hot Springs Golf and Tennis Club is scheduled to begin on Monday, October 11. Since the inception of this event Philadelphia has invariably figured prominently in it. In the second tournament, 1912, Wallace F. Johnson won the singles by defeating F. C. Inman in the challenge round. Inman regained his lost laurels last year.

Edgar Scott, of Philadelphia, and Inman won the doubles last year, and with Mrs. Rawson Wood for his partner Scott won the mixed doubles.

The tournament committee is: F. C. Inman, New York; Craig Biddle, Philadelphia, and S. W. Merrihue, New York, editor of American Lawn Tennis. The entries close with the Boston fans, on October 10. The fee is \$1 for each event.

Women Tennis Stars Invited
NEW YORK, Oct. 7.—A special invitation lawn tennis tournament for women will be held by the Bedford Park Lawn Tennis Club at the club courts, starting next Monday. The competition will be in women's singles and doubles and mixed doubles.

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STAR BANTAMWEIGHTS ARE DEVELOPING HERE; MOORE MEETS HANNON

Tuber, McGovern, McCann, Brown and Lewis Show Promising Form—Veteran vs. Youngster at Broadway

OTHER SNAPPY SCRAPS

Philadelphia always has boasted of crack bantam boxers. Five youngsters in localistic circles—still in the preliminary class—who give promise to embellish the pugilistic horizon at present are fascinating fight followers here with their sensational prowess. They are Joe Tuber, Young McGovern, Bobby McCann, Mickey Brown and Gus Lewis.

None of the mentioned quintet has had more than 20 bouts. Each is several pounds below the 115-limit. Before the 1915-16 season goes down into history two or three may have graduated into the wind-up class and develop into serious contenders for the bantamweight championship.

Of the five promising kiddos McCann and Brown are of the boxer type, depending on their cleverness, while McGovern, Tuber and Lewis rely mostly on their hitting ability.

Frankie Moore, veteran of the Fighting Moors, will battle with Willie Hannon in the star bout at the Broadway tonight.

The program follows:
First bout—Jack Deolin, Little Italy, vs. Tommy Stanton, Southwark.
Second bout—Harry Carson, Gray's Ferry, vs. Jimmy O'Malley, Southwark.
Third bout—George Blackburn, Fairmount, vs. Tommy Livingstone, North Penn.
Fourth bout—Johnny Lincoln, Bell road, vs. Eddie Hart, West Philadelphia.
Fifth bout—Frankie Moore, Southwark, vs. Willie Hannon, Point Breeze.

Johnny Burns says Joe Heffernan should have little trouble stopping Steve Latzo at the Olympia Monday night. Eddie McAndrews is training like a beaver for his match with Joe Shugrue. They meet in the wind-up.

Ted Lewis, of England, is described by his manager, Jimmy Johnston, as "the dashing, crashing, smashing sensation in the lightweight class," all capital letters, in a lengthy letter challenging Willie Ritchie.

Bill Sloane, new entry in heavyweight ranks, now in New York, is a former student of the University of Nevada. While in college the big fellow played football and rugby. He was Gunboat Smith's sparring partner when the Gunner was on the coast.

After his encounter with Joe Azevedo at the National tomorrow night, Sam Robideau may meet Charley White in his next bout. The big McGulgan is anxious to close a return date between White and Robby. Left-hoof Charley proved he still retained his sleep punch when he stopped Matty Baldwin in less than three minutes.

Amateur bouts are scheduled at the New York A. C., New York, October 21, 22, November 11, 12, December 15 and January 6 and 20. Franklin T. McCracken, local sports writer, is preparing himself for trial bouts for the Panama-Pacific amateur tournament.

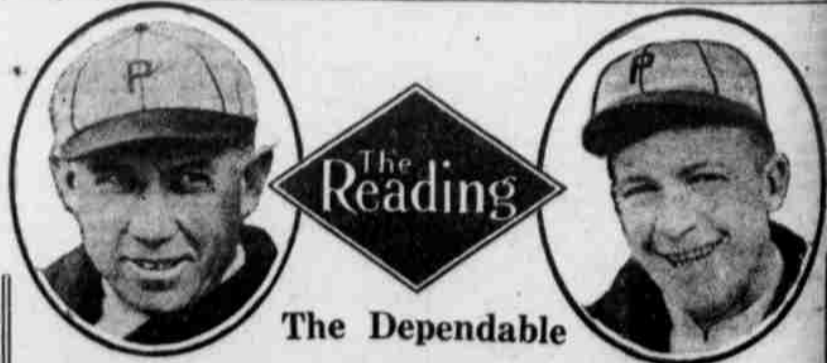
Young Jack O'Brien will be unable to meet Joe Chick at the National Club tomorrow because of a bad left hand.

Army Eleven Shows Improvement

WEST POINT, N. Y., Oct. 7.—The Army midweek drill was one of the best yet staged. The big team's offense got a thorough try-out and the result was encouraging. Three touchdowns and one goal from placement were scored against a strong team of scrubs. Hal Murray was in line for the first time since the Holy Cross game, but did not get in the line. Murray works on the line and is very rarely all the afternoon. McEwan, who has been indisposed for two days, was back at center on the big team. He bowled over a half dozen would-be tacklers when Ford got loose for an 80-yard run.

Herrmann Gets Challenge

CHICAGO, Oct. 7.—Charles Weagham, president of the Chicago Club of the Federal League, has received a reply to his telegram challenging the winners of the American and National League pennants for a series to settle the world's championship title in major league baseball. August Herrmann, chairman of the league, said he sent a copy of it to his colleagues "for their information and consideration."



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