

BENDER MADE GREAT IMPRESSION ON PLAYERS AND MANAGER AT ST. PETE

CHIEF BENDER'S FINE WORK AT TRAINING CAMP A GREAT SURPRISE TO ALL FANDOM

Famous Indian Hurler in Best Physical Shape Since His Great Season With Athletics in 1913

WHILE the most noticeable feature of the Phillies' training season in St. Petersburg was the wonderful improvement in their team play, this was scarcely less striking than the splendid form into which Chief Charles Albert Bender developed.

Pat Moran himself realized before the training season began that he needed Bender badly, and that he needed him in good condition. Consequently, he told the Tanager to get in shape in the way that he judged was best.

While no one who has seen Bender this year is making the absurd statement that he is able to shoot his fast ball across with that dazzling speed which marked his pitching in 1911, nor that his curve breaks as wide and fast as it once did, nevertheless he has enough to be a puzzle in the National League if he does not develop a lame arm.

Here is what a man thoroughly familiar with baseball said of Bender after watching him at St. Petersburg this spring for several weeks: "I think the most marked change in Bender is his attitude toward the players, toward Pat and toward his work. I have watched Bender when he was with the Athletics, but I never saw him show the spirit that he has this spring. I firmly believe that since he has joined the Phillies the big Chippewa has taken a new lease on baseball life."

"Bender's spirit at St. Petersburg was a revelation to me. He was always in the best humor of any one on the field; he mingled with the players in a way that I never saw him do before, assisting the young pitchers and giving all the aid in his power to every one whom he thought needed it."

"I watched the Chief closely and to me he seemed to have a lot of his old stuff left, which means that he is going to make some of those heavy National League hitters look to their batting laurels when he is in the game. Of course, he is just as crafty as ever, and while he does not know the National League batsmen as well as he does the American Leaguers, I don't doubt that he will know the weakness of every man in the league after he has been around the circuit once."

Lacked Ambition With Baltimore Federals Last year Bender lacked ambition when he was a member of the Baltimore Feds. Naturally he felt hurt that he should have been released by Connie Mack, although the sting was taken off somewhat by the fact that he left the Blackmen along with his old teammates, John Coombs and Eddie Plank.

The Chief did not do well at Baltimore, mainly because there was so little incentive. He was not satisfied with the management, and, while he has never made such a statement, it is generally understood in Baltimore that he did not particularly care for any of the players, or at least he did not care enough to attempt to assist them in any way except by taking his turn in the box.

This year everything is changed. Bender is back in the majors, is playing at home and with teammates whom he knows well, whom he likes, and who have great confidence in his ability. There is not, in fact, a man on the Philly club today who will not do everything in his power to help the Chief in his "come-back" act this season.

Pat Moran has given out no statement regarding Bender's probable record, but he does not hesitate to state that he thinks Bender was never in better shape, and that means that the Philly leader believes the Chief is going to do some great things for him.

Outfields in Majors Fast This Season It is not necessary to enter into a long discussion to show that the outfielders of various clubs in the two major leagues this season will be the fastest, on the field, that ever walked on the diamond. While every manager has not decided definitely what trio he will use, the appended list is close to the way they will line up for the opening gun next Wednesday:

- National League—Phillies—Whitted, Faskert and Cravath. New York—Burns, Kauff and Roush. Boston—Moran, Magee and Connolly. Brooklyn—Wheat, Stengel and Myers. Pittsburgh—Carey, Baird and Hinchman. Cincinnati—Leach, Killefer and Griffith. Chicago—Williams, Schutte and Zwilling. St. Louis—Dolan, Long and Wilson. American League—Athletics—Oldring, Strunk and Walsh. New York—Maisei, Gilhooly and Lee Magee. Boston—Lewis, Speaker and Hooper. Washington—Milan, Shanks and Moeller. Cleveland—Smith, Graney and Roth. Detroit—Cobb, Veach and Crawford. Chicago—Felsch, Jackson and Eddie Murphy. St. Louis—Shotton, Walker and Marsans.

Athletics' Outfield in Great Shape The Athletics' outfield looks exceptionally good. The outfield never was the strongest point of the old machine, but it was better than the average, and today it is better than at any time in the last five years. A few victories or a berth high up in the second division for the first month of the race may give the three veteran outfielders the ginger they now lack, and if they get it there will be little cause to worry about that department.

Oldring and Strunk are as good as ever. The former looks like a better ball player than he has shown himself to be since 1913, while Strunk is still going at top speed. Jimmy Walsh's work in right has been one of the bright spots of the spring games. If Walsh continues at his present clip he is going to be a more valuable man to the team than was Eddie Murphy, who held down the right-field position on the old machine.

Mike Doolan Looks to Be "Through" When Joe Tinker took charge of the Whales-Cubs combination this season he expected Mike Doolan to do great things at shortstop. But Mike has been a sore disappointment to Tinker.

Last season the former Philly shortstop and captain played a good game for the Chicago Federals, although he was, as usual, weak at the bat. However, Tinker seemed to think that Mike was going to do better as a batsman this year than he had ever done before. In this he was again deceived. Doolan was in poor condition when he reported to Tinker at Tampa. He was overweight and slow. His work at the training camp did not relieve him of all his superfluous flesh.

Hence, when the exhibition games began, Doolan showed up to miserable advantage. He fiddled poorly on the whole and batted in his old Philly form—that is, he would occasionally get a base hit with one on, but with runners within scoring distance the writers would wire in the ancient stuff, "Doolan popped to short." Tinker is now attempting to play short himself. No one on the Cub team seems to be able to handle the position, which has led many to think that he did wrong in releasing Bob Fisher, who, though not a flashy player, was at least consistent; something that none of the present candidates are.

Two Fine-Looking Youngsters Mack has picked up two great youngsters as a starter toward building a new machine, and there will be two more just as good that will join the team by the end of June. If he has any more youngsters like Witt and Catcher Bill Meyers, it is a fairly good bet that he will fulfill his prediction that he will have another championship team in 1917.

Young Witt continues to slug the ball, and all doubt about his ability to hold the pace he set at Jacksonville when he first reported has been cast aside. He is a great natural batsman, one of the kind that is discovered only once in two or three years. In the field Witt is still rather crude, but is improving fast.

NO-HIT BASEBALL GAMES RECORDED BY SCHOOLBOYS

Penn Charter, Collingswood and Friends' Central Held Without Bingles

CHELTENHAM VICTOR

If the schoolboys continue to tussle in the midseason form they are now showing or unless the youngsters at the plate improve in their hitting, the season will furnish a new record in no-hit scholastic games.

Penn Charter failed to make a single hit off the arm of four teachers, when Titus, the Pittsburgh High School boy, a clever southpaw; Yates and Bernhart held the Quakers safe, the first-year college team winning by a score of 17 to 0. Then came the Episcopal-Collingswood High game.

In this contest Shirley McCall, of Episcopal, fanned 20 Collingswood High players and held the visitors harmless. In the "Cheltenham High-Friends' Central" game yesterday afternoon, Duncan, the F. W. Park twirler, had the Friends' team at his mercy. Friends' Central joined the no-hit class in this contest.

The opening intramural League baseball game will be played tomorrow afternoon, when Germantown Academy and Episcopal, a by-product of the Episcopal Academy, field their initial league games at Queen's park.

Dick Harting, the Friends' Central all-around star athlete, made very commendable showing in the game with Cheltenham High yesterday afternoon. He made some terrific catches and proved to be a valuable man for the shortstop position.

Cheltenham High's team of veterans are out to duplicate the good record made by the football squad last season. Duncan, Scholtz, Caruth, Butterworth, Hollingshead, Thayer, Walda, Byrle and Woodbury are familiar names in Cheltenham High's athletics.

Did the victory over Collingswood make the "Churchmen" overconfident? The team showed a reversal of form in the game with the Vinland High school yesterday, but the fact that Vinland has a very strong squad this year must not be overlooked. Episcopal had many chances to score, but failed to take advantage of them. Consequently, the score: Vinland, 9; Episcopal, 3.

Northrop, former St. Joseph's College athlete, was in the line for the Philadelphia Textile School when the Textile team and St. Joe played an 11-inning game to a tie score, 11 to 11. St. Joe had the game safely tucked away, but Northrop's weakness in the ninth inning and the Textile boys and buns, with the result that seven runs were added to their total. St. Joe added three more and it was decided to call the game because of darkness.

The Camden High School swimmers added to their laurels when they won the dual meet with the Germantown High School yesterday at the Germantown Y. M. C. A. Auditorium, 35 to 15. Butcher, Meece, Mariner, Johnson, Miller and Carter were the points for Camden. The Germantown High swimmers were Price, Clarke, Ayer, Maus, Carter and DeLong.

Germantown High's baseball players took advantage of all the errors made by Germantown Academy in the opening game at Tabor yesterday. The high school team winning a convincing contest, 10 to 0. The Germantown star, won the game with a hit which scored two runs.

Revers to Play Here April 15 Fall River Revers will play Epworth at Tabor's Ball Park April 15. This match, which is in the second round of the American Cup competition, has been postponed for several weeks due to the Revers being engaged in a District Cup Competition in the New England League.

INSIDE DOPESTER PICKS BOTH BOSTON CLUBS FOR VICTORS

Phillies Given Third Place in National League Race, While Athletics Are Sentenced to Last Position in Johnson's Circuit

Table with columns for National League and American League, listing teams and their predicted finishes (First, Second, Third, Fourth Place).

Pick Boston Clubs John Doyle, sporting impresario, found so many fans this spring who had wagers on hats, canes, automobiles and loose change on the two pennant races that he decided to arrange the proper odds for them.

The National League In the National League they are willing to lay 115 against the Braves, which means that the Braves are figured with a 31 per cent. chance to finish first.

The Yankees are ranked fourth, 8 to 1 is the price against Donovan's re-edited contingent and 8 to 5 is offered that they don't finish third.

A RECORD BREAKER AT POPULAR PRICES—SATURDAY NIGHT National A. C. National A. C. HENRY HALBER vs. MIKE COSTER PAUSEY CLINE vs. STANLEY HINGGLE BILLY DE FOE vs. FRANK MORGAN'S EDDIE McANDREWS vs. JOHNNY TILLMAN

GOLF IN GREAT BRITAIN IS HARD HIT BY THE WAR

Increased Income Taxes Likely to Close Many Clubs Enormous changes will certainly result in the game of golf abroad, and from the looks of things at present, whether the war continues or not, they will also be felt on this side of the Atlantic.

IRELAND Led of Some Carriers

Former Philly Injured this same time in 1915; orders for \$37 per Playing Witted during this year Omaha Club A message was received this morning at the office of the Philadelphia baseball club in the Stock Exchange Building to the effect that Shortstop Irelan, who was formerly a member of the Phillies, had broken his leg in a game played with the Omaha club, of the Western League, at Beatrice, Nebraska.

Advertisement for Havana Ribbon Cigars, featuring an illustration of a man in a suit and hat, and text: 'HOWDY! How be ye. Pardon me if I've embarrassed ye in any way. Sheriff Hawkins. Havana Ribbon Cigars Sold Everywhere 5c BAYUK BROS. MAKERS PHILADELPHIA'

Advertisement for Velvet Tobacco, featuring an illustration of a cigarette pack and text: 'BE good friends with VELVET an' you'll be better friends with yourself an' the world. TOBACCO LIGHTS A. MYERS TOBACCO CO.'

Advertisement for Kisselkar cars, featuring text: 'Pride of Ownership The ALL-YEAR Car KISSELKAR EVERY INCH A CAR ORIN S. WILSON 338-40 N. Broad St. L-E-D-G'

Large advertisement for Gasoline, featuring a large illustration of a gas pump and text: 'Gasoline GASOLINE—not fuel for your engine, but fuel for your sales record. Printed gasoline—the stuff that has moved more automobiles than its liquid substitute. Fill your sales tank with this real live "gas"—the kind that puts mileage on your sales records. The Public Ledger-Evening Ledger is the purest grade of printed gasoline you can buy in Philadelphia—it stands the laboratory test of results. It goes farthest—in consumption and "reach"—because it's charged with the interest of more than 70% of Philadelphia's automobile owners. Come in on "high" to the Ledger's large, responsive family of owners and prospects. Our automobile man will tell you about our brand of printed gasoline.'

EVENING LEDGER MOVIES—TOMMIS, YOU TALK LIKE THE FRIEND OF THE FRIEND OF THE STUDIO COMPANION OF THE MAN FROM EGYPT

Comic strip featuring Tommie and various characters with dialogue bubbles: 'I'LL HAVE YOU TO KNOW MYLES FOSMINK, I'M AN INTELLIGENT PERSON!', 'I KNOW BASE-BALL LOGGY FROM AYE TO ZEE!', 'WHY, WHEN I WENT TO SCHOOL, I WAS NEVER LATE OR NEVER ABSENT!', 'YES, I KNOW THAT TOMMIS.', 'YOU WAS NEVER LATE', 'NEVER ABSENT', 'OR NEVER PROMOTED!', 'TEECH-R!', 'AH APRIL! HOW BEAUTIFUL THOU IS!'.