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PHILLY PLAYERS ARE IN GOOD SHAPE FOR INITIAL WESTERN INVASION THIS SEASON

PHILS' FIRST LONG ROAD SOJOURN WILL PROVE BIG FACTOR IN FLAG CHASE

Good Work on Foreign Fields, While Braves and Dodgers Fell Down, Last Year Enabled Moranmen to Clinch Pennant

AFTER the present series with Brooklyn on the home field, the league-leading Phils will make their first Western trip and also visit Boston and Brooklyn In the East before returning home. The first long road trip means much to any team and will be particularly important to the Phillies this season. Last year the Phils won the pennant mainly because they proved a superior road team, winning almost as many games on the road as at home, while Brooklyn and Boston slumped badly in the West.

The Phillies are in wonderful shape for the trip. Manager Moran has eight pitchers who are going at top form, and there is no danger of any of his hurlers overworked. It is likely that Moran will select his four best pitching assets before the team leaves and work them in order, as he is anxious to keep the large lead the Phils enjoy at the present time.

Critics are almost unanimous in the opinion that the National League nnant will be won by an Eastern team, but until the East has proved its superiority over the West there is absolutely no way to get a line on the relative strength of the teams of each section. The awful trouncing the Phillies handed the Cubs in Florida in the spring series is largely responsible for this belief. but the recent work of Tinker's team indicates that it has improved wonderfully.

There are two other Western teams capable of sticking in the fight if their there show as well as expected. These teams are the Reds and Cardinals. Both have strong pitching material, but to date the hurlers have shown only an onal flash of the form expected. By the time the Phils open the Western Livision the pitchers of all four teams may have rounded into form.

Phils Have Little to Fear if They Maintain Present Form

If the Phillies can play the same intelligent brand of ball they exhibited against the Braves and Giants here, then they have little to fear on the first swing about the circuit. Perhaps later in the season one of the Western teams may be going at a terrific clip, but at present the Phils seem to have a decided edge on all rivals.

Brooklyn, which is here for the first series, is an aggregation which may upset the dope. Barring pitching, the Dodgers have as strong a team as there is in either major league. The pitching material looks good, but Manager Robinson seems to have been unfortunate enough to have used poor judgment in handling his pitchers in the past and apparently has gotten into the same rut again this season

Miserable weather has handicapped the Dodgers a great deal since returning from Daytona. The pitching staff is composed principally of veterans and they found it impossible to get into shape with rain interfering every other Ebbetts Field is one of the hardest in the country on pitchers, as there is day. always a cold damp wind blowing across the field in the early spring, and this is an additional hundicap to the veterans.

Red Sox Got the Breaks in Final Game

The Red Sox stopped the winning streak of the Athletics in the final game of the series, but the world's champions had a hard battle all the way. Until Boston made its fourth run in the ninth inning the Mackmen were dangerous. and if one break in three different innings where the Athletics had men on OTHER SCHOOL GOSSIP bases had come to the home team, the early lead of the Red Sox would have been overcome

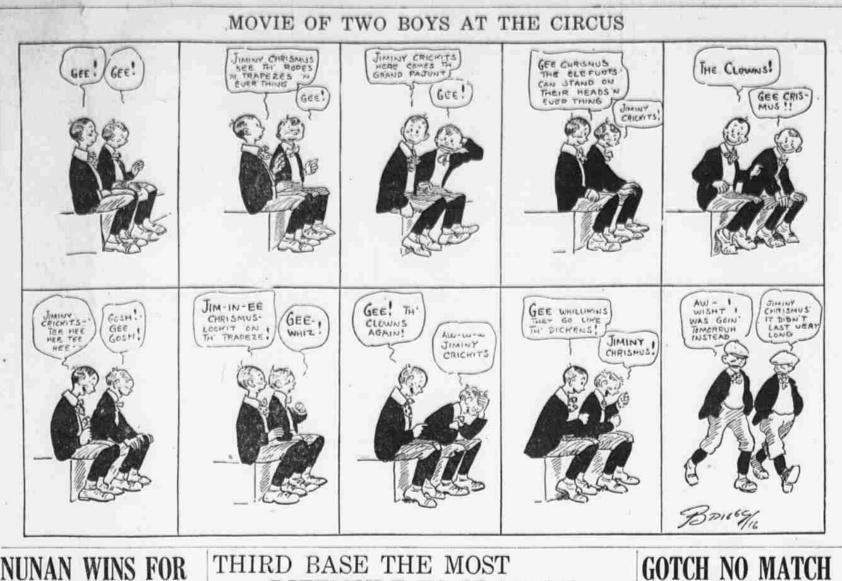
The Athletics made just as many hits as the world's champions, fielded better and the pitching was just as good, but all the breaks went to Carrigan's team and they tallied four runs, while Leonard blanked the Mackmen for the first time this season. Whenever the Athletics had runners on base the batters met the ball fairly, but it always went straight at the fielders. The Red Sox had fewer chances to score, but had the necessary punch to make the most of their opportunities.

Umpiring which the fans thought was very much off color also aided the world's champions. Boston's first two runs off Crowell would not have resulted If Duffy Lewis had been called out on strikes as he should have been, while Carrigan, who made the single which scored Lewis and Gardner, apparently also had been fanned, but Umpire Dineen did not agree with the 5000 fans and Mack's players.

Macks Could Not Bring Runners Over

As the game turned out, these two runs were not needed to clinch the victory, as two more were tailied later, but the whole game would have been changed if the Athletics had been on even terms when they started to get to Leonard. The sacrifice game could have been played to the limit, and one double play and another force play on a hard-hit ball would have been eliminated.

The most encouraging features of the game from a local standpoint was the eplendid pitching of "Mi" Crowell and Charley Pick's brilliant all-round work. Crowell had a world of stuff and would have won under ordinary conditions. As explained above, the Red Sox first tallies were gifts, while the last tallied on Crowell was due to his own carelessness in pitching to Pitcher Leonard. Boston made only six hits in eight innings off Crowell and he grew stronger as the game progressed. The heavy hitters were at the Brunonian's mercy and his exhibition pleased Manager Mack greatly. Crowell works easier than any of the other young hurlers and can stand more of it. He probably will be the star of the staff, despite the defeats he has gotten in his first two starts.



NUNAN WINS FOR **UPPER DARBY BY** STEALING HOME

Breaks 4-4 Deadlock With

Catholic High Nine in Tenth Inning

Upper Darby High has a variety of plays for winning baseball games—and sometimes can "get away with it." When the Upper Darby players were testing their brain and brawn with the Catholic High School youngsters yesterday after-noon the bonors were even until the 10th inning. inning

Catholie High took the lead with two runs in the first inning. It was nip and tuck until the eight, when Catholic High tuck until the eight, when Cathelic High scored the necessary run to cause a dead-lock, 4 to 4. In the 10th inning, with the odds seemingly against them, the Upper Darby boys started a raily, and Nunan, the third baseman, was on third sack. Nunan watched his chance and when the opportunity came he stole home, win-ning the game for his team, 5 to 4. It was a clever feat and Cathelic High was

was a clever feat and Catholic High was taken by complete surprise. Worthington and Sculley were on the points for Cath-olic High; Temple and Kane for Upper Darby High School.

Mayor Thomas B. Smith has every reason in the world to visit the Penn Charter School playing fields Queen Lane. His son, Dave Smith, is playing such clever baseball for Penn Charter, he usually borns up as the brisht par-ticular star. In yesterday's game with the School of Pedagogy, Dave Smith hit a homer in the fifth inning, scoring four of the runs. star. "At second and short," said Devlin



DIFFICULT TO PLAY ON

Devlin, Jimmy Collins and Bradley Our Great

Third Sackers in Game During Past Six-

fashion so that we can be allowed to interject the answer without any undue

And the answer is simple enough: THIRD BASE.

The proof here is simple enough. In the last 20 years the game is fairly bub-bling with grand outfielders—Speaker.

Cobb. Donlin, Kelley, Burns, etc., etc. Also with great first basemen—Chase, McInnis, Tenney, Chance and others. (Equally with star second basemen—Col-

lins, Lajole, Evers, Barry, Lowe, etc. There have been all the great short-stops you want-Wagner, Tinker, Maran-ville, Bush, Long and a half dozen others. But since 1900 there have been just three great third basemen that we can think of now-three, that is, who stand out above the field—Jimmy Collins, Art Devlin and Bill Bradley.

A Reason or So Desiring information as to why third base should be so hard to play, we put the query up to Art Devlin, the old Giant

'you don't have to do much guessing or planning. You stand back on the grass

teen Years, Declares Rice

ANY BASEBALL CLUB

By GRANTLAND RICE

third you are planning and guessing all the time. If you get back too far there is the bunt to stand you on your head If you come in too close there is the hard smash to break down your guard. And when a ball is hit down the third basenan's way he hasn't any time to get set. I he isn't quick on his feet and quick with his hands the play is by him before

"I recall an instance," continued Devlin, when I was hurt one day and Tilly Shanot this part of it.'

shift to meet the play will never be a star at third. The man who does is al-ways under a heavy strain. Either way you are up against it.

grappling with Stecher. But Gotch isn't money mad. \$25,000 doesn't mean much to him now. He's worth upward of \$250,-000. What is \$25,000 to him compared "Fill tell you one nueer turn in my work at third." Devlin added. "I played against Hans Wagner for ten years, more than 200 games, and in all that time he never visid to hort entry the terms of terms of the terms of the terms of ter tried to bunt against me. Yet I had to watch him all the time, fearing he would cross me. One day I guessed wrong. I was sure he was going to bunt; I saw him start the motion and I rushed in. He hit one through me so fast I haven't seen it yet. After that I decided to let him beat out a bunt before I came in again, but he never put one down my way although he is a fine bunter."

CADDY PROBLEM TO BE HANDLED BY GOLF BODY

Local Association Wants Standard System-Fees Make Trouble

"BENNY" SAYERS COMING

This season it'll all be settied. Officials of the Philadelphia Golf An-sociation say so, referring to the small matter of caddies and their frees. Several schemes have been proposed to relieve the scarcity or congestion of caddies, to fix the scale of wages and otherwise attack the caddy problem. Many moans, petitions and even strikes have greeted the efforts of the individual clubs in years past to iror out the club carriers' grievances, and this year the P. G. A. will just naturally settle the whole business.

All the ideas plotted so far in the sen-tions of the august body have had the sugsions of the august body have had the sug-gestion that caddies come under the direct supervision of the P. G. A. Caddies, to pursue their calling on local links, would have to hired and assigned by the central body. This radical plan would present plenty of knots, the principal one of which would be how to keep the pay down and the efficiency up. The average golfer pre-fers to think of hiring a caddy as an incl-dental expense, and hates the thought of laying down solid sums for what he still considers a luxury. considers a luxury.

Development

The older the boys get and the more they grasp the idea of caddying the more stipend they request. It is with the idea of establishing classes according to effior establishing classes according to en-ciency and fixing a permanent as well as standard pay scale that the P. G. A. is at present wrinkling its brow. "One objection to handling the boys under the same scale is that some of the clubs have to offer extra inducement, ac-cording to the present avstant to get

clubs have to offer extra inducement, ac-cording to the present system, to get caddles," was the opinion of Francis E. Warner, secretary of the Golf Associ-ation. "Philmont pays about the high-est rate for the reason that there isn't any town there to draw boys from. It has to offer an extra suin to get boys from the nearby towns. There are several clubs that may be grouped together be-cause they lie' in one section as, for in-stance. Philmont, Huntingdon Valley and Old York Road. This grouping may solve our troubles." our troubles."

"The possibility of establishing outlying "caddy centres" and parceling out caddles from them to points where needed has een discussed.

Indoor Golf Over

Bouncing the pill on green carnets with a roof overheid has been abandoned en-tirely for the outdoor game. Golfers have small time for the indoor variety of golf. when the greensward at their clubs shows when the greensward at their clubs shows verdant and elegant for brassie shots. It's all right to fuss around with a nibilo in the confines of four walls from neces-sity, but nary a golfer falters when the heather calls. Plenty of them prefer the outdoor species even when the ice and snow make necessary the use of a red ball and large woolen mittens. There is something about cracking a ball into space that is deplorably lacking in mashie play over imitation hurdles and "play" play over imitation hurdles and "play water hazards.

Ben Nicholls, a character of no small standing in local golf, has packed up his trappings and gone to Long Island, near Brother Gil, where he will take up his warm weather quarters. He conducted a successful school of golf at Snellenburg's during the winter. The (limbel indoor course, which was the most elaborate here, and the only one that was in any sense an attempt at a regular course, has been rooted out to make way for mer-

Whitemarsh Change

chandise

The Greens Committee at Whitemarsh has finally heard the despairing cries of golfers as they stood on the ninth tee and

WillAT is the toughest job on a ball | and then play the ball as it comes. At third you are planning and guessing all

he can breathe."

Shafer at Third

"when I was hurt one day and Tilly Sha-fer was sent to third. At the end of a week, just before I was back, he called one night at my room. 'If you don't get back tomorrow,' said Shafer, 'I am going home.' What's the trouble?' I asked. "Third base,' he said. "Trying to play that bag right will drive any man crazy in a month. I'm close to a nervous wreck now. I always liked baseball before, but not this part of it.'

"Shafer had the answer. The man who doesn't try to plan and study batters and

About Wagner

35 Years Old and 'Rusty'

Champion Wrestler Now Is

FOR JOE STECHER; SHOULD RETIRE

Because of Idleness

MORE KNOCKS FOR WELSH

It would seem that the wisest course for Frank Gotch to pursue is to remain in retirement as far as a wreatling match

with Joe Stecher is concerned. Gotch is 25 years old, far beyond his Gotch is 35 years old, far beyond his wrestling prime, and "rusty" because of years of mat idleness. Stecher is 22, in the full bloom of his young manhood, and practically at the crest of his meteoric career. It is doubtful if Gotch, in the days of his greatest prowess, was as won-derful a wrestler as Stecher is today. By remaining in retirement, Gotch re-tains during all the rest of his days the glory that belongs to an undefeated cham-pion; to an athlete who met and beat the strongest foes pitted against him be-fore age came on. By coming out and

fore age came on. By coming out and trying conclusions, he probably will do a Jim Jeffries. Gotch Isn't After Coin

No one justly would accuse Gotch of displaying a white feather by refusing to meet Stecher now. His alibi is good. He's beyond his prime and out of wrestling condition. Yes, Gotch would gain \$25,000 or so by

Pick is Improving Rapidly

Pick continues to improve at third, and Mack's collegians who are due to fight the Richmond lad for the position later in the summer are going to have a hard time dislodging him. Pick made three clean hits against one of the best southpaw pitchers in the country, which is quite a feat for a left-handed batter. He is a smart player and his fielding has improved wonderfully, thanks to the morning practice.

The Mackmen will be in Washington until Saturday, when they return to open a long home stand. The men need the batting practice, and the morning workouts should put the team in splendid shape before it takes its first Western trip. The sciedule is a great aid to Mack in his reconstruction plans, as the team is in no shape for a trip such as the Phils will take.

Indoor Collegiate Championships Evenly Divided

The Navy's winning of the intercollegiate fencing championship last week ends the indoor athletic season with the widest distribution of championship honors in many years. Yale enjoys a slight advantage over her rivals if it is permissible to style bowling an intercollegiate sport. The Flis won a triangular burnament in this sport, the first time it was ever dignified by university men for anything but an exercise. In addition Yale carried off the swimming title. All the other collages had to be content with one championship each. Following is a complete L: c) the indeor sports and the championship terms.

Following is a complete int of the indoor sports and the championship teams in each: Bowling, Yale, basketball, Pennsylvania; fencing, Navy; gymnastics, Princeton; hockey, Harvard; swimming, Yale; wrestling, Cornell. Of all the winter indoor sports baskethall was the most important and Pennsylvania won that after an exciting post-season struggle with Princeton.

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Los Angeles fans agree tust pride goeth before a fall. Frank Chance, formerly known as the "peerless leader," returned to the game to manage Los Angeles and got off to a flying start. 'The "Angels" swept everything before them for two weeks and Chance began boasting. He was getting ready to celebrate a pennant-winning before the race was really under way when his team went to es and lost six straight games to San Francisco. Now it looks very much as if he is going to have a hard time keeping his team in the race.

Western trams of the American League object to the "riding" methods of the St. Louis Browns, and there may be some lively doings one of these days when Fielder Jones' team is playing the Tigers in Detroit. It will seem strange to local fans to see an argressive team representing St. Louis in the American League. For years the Browns have been the deadest aggregation in the major cagues. Fielder Jones will at least add life to the men.

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The Bouthern League has proken away from the old rule which prohibits de headers until after the first swing around the circuit. President Baugh has ructed the teams that they can play off their postponed games when they Reproviding it is satisfactory to the opposing team. This is a sensible idea. and if it was followed in the major leagues would give a team with a small but rtant pitching staff an even chance. Under the present system, doublemaders often come so thick and fast that a team with only four good twirlers s put out of the running and its staff ruined by the long string of bargain days into in the year.

With Pennock, Myers, Gummery, Steele and Grove, the Yenn Charter Junior tennis team is atrong. The Yellow and Illue players defeated the Episcopai Academy Juniors at Queen Larre yesterlay, 5 to 1. It was a one-sided score.

Heas, of the School of Pedagogy, led his teammates in general all round work, when Penn Charter won from the future teachers by a taily of 11 to 3. The Pedagogs as a whole played carelessly, showing lack of prac-tice. Penn Charter had only one error chalked up against them.

Every afternoon this week will see important lengue, baseball, games, and indications are that this will be a record week for the high out preparatory school students. Not only baseball, but Genits, track and error work is now holding the interest of the local athletes.

Northeast High's 44 to 37 victory over Sec Philadelphia in the dual track meet, held y berday, came more or less as a surprise. N that Northeast was expected to be on the load end, but merely because of the close score, i downtown athletes seoring in so many of t events and training quite a few firsts.

PICK-UPS FROM CINDER PATH

With Lawson Robertson aiding in the coach-ing at Pennsylvania, the Red and Blue will be more of a factor in the intercollegiates than several trainers expect Fenn to be. If Penn has anything lying around loose Rob-ertson will get it out.

Davy, the Princeton high jumper, is a lad the will bear watching this spring. Of aurse, with Richards and Oler still in har-tens, be cannot expect to win the intercol-scilate high jump; still, ne will do about **5** t. 11 in, to 6 ft. 1 in.

Arile Mucks, the Wisconsin weight thrower, fill be at the Penn relays. He is the biggest flow in athlethes today, weighing 265 pennds not towering 5 ft 35; in. And he is about he best weight thrower in the land, too, Scudder, of Penn, looks like a comin miner. He is able to run the half no minutes, and will do a lot better hefe mason is well under way.

In Bonsack, Pernaylvania has a freshman aprinter who loads like the real thing. He is the best sprinter that has entered Penn in some days. Elimer Smith should cut quite a figure on the Pennevivania freshman team this suring. He is the best thing of his weight and inches in the land. As a sprinter, broad jumper and high jumper be in bard to beal.

Oscar Garney has successed Professor Nig mund as the coach of the Northeast Hig School githetes. Gurnes eril handle all the Northeast teams in due course of time.

If Joe Schwarts can maintain the form outdoors that he exhibited indoors du the winter sensor, he should annex all distance runs hereabouts this summer.

Harry Hillman has just signed a five-real contract as director of physical education a Dartmouth. Hillman has need coach and trainer at the Hanover Institution since 1910

Swarthmore picked up an excellent sho putter in Hoot, the former Friends' Centra ad, but with Maxfeld pushing the missi for Lafayette Hoot will not have much of chance in the Middle States' intercollegiates.

Sam Crawford, Detroit's clean-up right fielder, is still out of the Tigers' line-up because of illness,

Crawford Still Ill; Cobb Recovers

The report is abroad that Mr. Carl Morris, of Sapulpa, is abroad again as one of the entries in a \$10,000 match. The birth rate isn't one for every minute, as suggested, but about six for every second.

Baker on the Job

We have heard any number cussions as to what sort of a third basenan Frank Baker was and is. He was and is the greatest hitting third baseman of them all. As a fielder he has been good, but not great. This impression that Baker is a poor infielder is all bunk. "I've heard this fellow couldn't play third " remarked Nap Lajole lately, "but I have been playing against him five or six years and I have never seen him play a bad game yet. He isn't wearing any medals for grace, but he always gets them in the games I've seen his work.

Just what Benjamin Michael Kauff will do later on is only a fit subject for the box scores. But at the end of the first 10 days' work Mr. Kauff was able to report 19 trips to the plate for seven hits and an average of .370.

Average of are, As a good running start was supposed to be of great value in his peculiar case, those who have bet money that he wouldn't bat 300 on the year may soon desire to hedge for a kopek or so.

No one picked the Phillies to win last season, and we have heard of no one pick-ing them for the present campaign. Yet they lost no great time bustling back to the perch they occupied last October against much stronger opposition than they were forced to meet last year. As we see it. Pat Moran has an underrated ball club. He has the pitching and the punch-a combination that will go quite a way when handled by a leader like Moran. Any club that picks them out for fluke champions is as poor a picker as Jack Dillon was when he went out after Jeas Willard.

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loss of his pric treasure—the championship? If the Gotch of today were the Gotch

of five or eight years ago, then a mat bout with Stecher would be worth going a thousand miles to see. It would be the grapple of the century. But, alas, Gotch is 35—and Stecher is 22. Stecher is coming-and Gotch went Is What's the answer? -and Gotch went long ago.

As to Fred Welsh

Freddie Welsh announces that he will retire as champion on July 7, 1917. Welsh may do it—and he may not. It all depends upon whether or not he tries conclusions over the decision route with any one of the topnotch lightweigts in the

game today. The day that Welsh willingly risks his title in a long bout will be the day that he will retire as champion. He has gone back so far during the last two years that any one of the three leading light-weights-Benny Leonard, Johnny Dundee and Charlie White-can beat him decisively in 20 rounds. The chances of Welsh being knocked out

in a no-decision bout are, we declared more than a year ago almost nil. The Weishman has a perfect defense for his chin and a body that can stand up pretty well under a fusiliade of blows. If Leonard, White or Dundee hit Welsh flush up on the chin the fight will be over. But

that is not easy of accomplishment ; Welsh always fights with his chin on his breast always nghts with his chin on his breast and with his guard covering the other vul-nerable spots on his upper works. And that's why Welsh has been able to plok up lots of soft money during the last year or so, by mingling in scores of short bouts without being knocked out.

Shake-up in Harvard Varsity Crew

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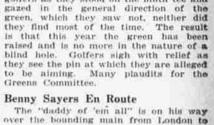
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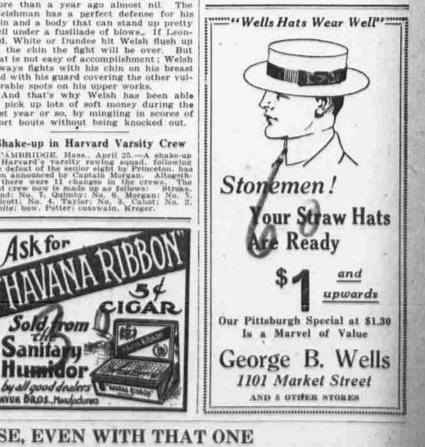
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this country in the shape of Benny Sayers, beloved and ancient pro, tutor of royalty and otherwise famous in golfing circles wherever the terms are spoken. "Benny" wherever the terms are spoken. "Benny" is bringing Mrs. Sayers also. They will land in New York in a few days and will hustle to this city and Merion, where is Són George as pro there. "Benny" Say-ers is coming over from North Berwick to take in the amateur championship, which is to be held at Merion in September. In the meantime he will likely as-sist George Sayers at Merion and renew old friendships.







STILL OUT OF THE GAME

In the House \$1 ANY SUIT

DETROIT. Mich. April 25. Presiden cavin, of the Detroit heavehalt cuto, has an ounced that Sam Crawford, who has been as he sick list, would not accompany the Tigers of Coho who also has been out of the game or several days because of a severe cold, will o with the team, and probably plaz in the St