# LEXANDER AND BENDER STOP SLUMP AND PHILLIES ARE BACK IN NATIONAL LEAGUE FIGHT

### HILS' WONDERFUL PITCHING STAFF COMES TO RESCUE AND TEAM IS AGAIN IN RUNNING

Champions Are Still Wasting Many Hits With Leading Sluggers in Slump, But Alex and Mates Hold Men Together

MONDERFUL pitching was largely responsible for the winning of the penmant by the Phillies last season, and the same staff of hurlers, with the ion of "Chief Bender, came to Moran's rescue last week, and brought the ons out of the worst slump they had experienced since Moran was placed te of the team. After the poor showing of the champions in Boston, Brookand in the first two games in St. Louis, the fans had about given up hope er pennant for the Phils, but the sensational comeback at the expense the Cardinals and Reds has put Moran's team back in the running.

The team is not hitting much better than it was when the Western trip exted, and there must be an immediate improvement, or excellent pitching will to to waste. It is out of the question to expect the pitchers to continue the great ork If the team is not going to get them a few runs and present a strong defense. the Phils are averaging as many hits per game as they did at this time last ason, but more are being wasted, and the men who drove the majority of the runs over the plate in 1915 have folled to produce safeties in the pinches.

As was the case throughout the 1915 season, it was Alexander the Great who out the team back on its winning stride. He saved the final game of the St. culs series by going to the relief of Eppa Rixey in the ninth inning, and went K on the mound Saturday against the Reds. He showed his 1915 form, and lanked Herzog's team. These victories acted as a tonic to the Phils, and vesterday they waded through the Reds again, with "Chief Bender on the mound.

#### Phils May Get Better Than An Even Break

WITH three victories out of the first five games played in the West, it is possible that the Phils may get better than an even break for the trip, despite the sor start in St. Louis. Two more games are to be played with the Reds, and then contests are scheduled with the Pirates, who are playing miserable ball. If the Phils can get an even break in the two games with Cincinnati, they should be sole to take three out of four and perhaps the entire series from Pittsburgh, which ald make it certain that the team will return to this city within hailing distance of the leaders, regardless of the outcome of the series with the Cubs.

Brooklyn and Boston are playing consistent ball, and as both are better equipped with reserve strength than the Phillies, it behooves Luderus and Cravath to rt hitting in their 1915 form. The former is an absolute necessity to the team, hether he is hitting or not, as Moran has no other first baseman, but with Cravath hitting so poorly, particularly in the pinches, it might be well to give him a rest for a few days, and place Cooper in right field until the famous slugger strikes his stride.

The return of Killefer to the game had much to do with the sudden brace of the Phils. Killefer's presence behind the bat improved the confidence of the entire m, and the sight of him throwing the ball around, apparently feeling no ill a of the injury which kept him out of the world's series, has convinced the ther members of the team that he will be in the game regularly. Eddie Burns med as well as could be expected during the absence of Killefer, and is a re capable receiver than the majority of the second catchers in the major ragues, but he is far from a Killefer, and the latter's presence in the game is a sity if the team is to get back in the race.

LTHOUGH three games were dropped by the Mackmen to Detroit during the A last week, they got an even break out of six contests with St. Louis, Detroit and Washington. The latter team was beaten Monday with the peerless Waler Johnson on the mound. Then came the disastrous Detroit series, but the en came back strong against the Browns on Saturday, and crawled out of last place, thereby causing many of the pessimists to pay a few bets.

gainst Detroit the Mackmen played miserable ball for the first two days, but me back strong in the last pair of games, although the series was lost. Incilentally, the Athletics, although tailenders, were the last American League team to lose a series on the home field. Prior to the clash with the Tigers the Macken had broken even in each reries at home, while all the other teams of the longue had lost their first or second series on the home field.

The youngsters appeared to be suffering with "stage fright" in the first games ast the Tigers, but in the last two they fought back and really outplayed the mant favorite. Considering that "Bullet Joe" Bush, who had won four sucsive victories, was ill and unable to take his regular turn on the mound, an even breek for the week was as much as the fans could expect.

#### Myers' Pitching Feature of Week's Work

THE sensational pitching of Elmer Myers, Mack's lanky right-handed recruit, was easily the feature of the week's work. Myers won three full nine-inning tests during the week, and did not allow more than five hits in any game. In turning the trick Myers conquered three of the best hurlers in the American and was just as strong in the ninth inning on Saturday as when he started his duel with Walter Johnson on Monday.

Washington got four hits, Detroit three and St. Louis five, making a total of 12 hits made off the recruit in 27 innings. This is one of the most sensational records ever compiled by a recruit pitcher, and compares favorably with the ausm debuts of Grover Alexander, Joe Boehling, "Dutch" Leonard, Harry Grause, Guy Morton and a few other youngsters who "burned up" the major in their first season. Aside from Morton, all of these hurlers had teams them which were rated much better than the present Athletic team.

alling the errors of judgment and other mistakes of the Mackmen during at week will do no good, but it is safe to say that it will be a long time before the fans will see another stupid exhibition such as was given on Friday. Games y be lost through inexperience or poor general work, but in the future the enters and others who were guilty of headless plays in the final clash with Detroit will look to Mack, Davis or Thomas for orders in a pinch.

#### Cleveland's Appearance Here Awaited With Interest

THE Mackmen played as well during the week as any other team in the American League, barring Cleveland, which continues at such a terrific clip that the wity of scribes now believe that the Indians are in the race to stay. The Indians have gotten off to a splendid start on the importan Eastern invasion, which generally makes or breaks the chances of one or more of the Western butms each season, but local fanc will not take Fohl's team seriously until it has proved its superjority in the series with the Mackmen.

On what four American Leasue teams have shown in this city in complete series, the Indians will not have to be so very much above the form expected, with ion of Speaker, to be pennant contenders, as Boston, New York, Detroit and Washington are below the pennant-contending standard. Perhaps these teams I improve greatly before they appear here again, but if they fail, even the n have a flag chance, because none of this quartet has the balance necary to assure consistent winning.

Many of the fans at the final game with the Tigers have asked the writer why Umpire Chill and the Detroit players insisted upon looking at the ball so often when Crowell was pitching. It appears that the Tigers thought Crowell was using he "emery ball" or some new freak delivery, because his fast ball was breaking so h, but such was not the case. We have commented on the wonderful break Crowell's fast ball before, and ir midsummer many other teams will be puzzled just as much as the Tigers were on Friday.

One of the greatest barriers in the way of money making in the Pacific Coast League is the long jump which San Francisco, Oakland, Vernon and Salt take City must take to play Portland. The distance between Los Angeles and ertland is 1790 miles, and the former recently jumped to the Oregon city for a game series, only to have six of the games postponed, while the seventh as played on such a poor day that fewer than 1000 persons attended. Trips of this it burn up the profits of the owners.

Maurice Rath, a former Central Manual Training School star and later a er of the Athletics, Cleveland and White Sox, has not made an error this on at second base for Salt Lake, of the Pacific Coast League. In 33 games his accepted more than six chances per game, and may establish a world's Gliff Blankenship, the old-time catcher and real discoverer of Walter , is managing Salt Lake, while Bill Orr, a former Mackman, is playing

betting shimp of "Stuffy" McInnia mystifies the veteran members of the McInnis has hit more than 300 every season he has been with the and while he has had bad slumps at times, he never fell so low in the as he is at the present time. McInnis is worrying too much about his to hit, and this is holding him back, but "Stuffy" needs only a few good start him after the leaders. When he starts slamming the safeties down aft field the Mackmen will tally more runs.

#### WHEN A FELLER NEEDS A FRIEND



### ONE-PUNCH HOGAN NOT CLEVER, BUT HE CONVINCES ANDY BURNS HE IS THERE WITH THE WALLOP

#### New Orleans Bantam Olympia Club Program Scores Last-round Knockout — Tillman Defeats Young Jack

DHILADELPHIA bantams are due for a hot session while One-round Hogan remains in this vicinity. Hogar, is not a clever boy, but he certainly has a wallop. Several lads here probably will outpoint the New Orleans boy, but for the 18 minutes they remain in the 24-foot ring the Philadelphia entry will have to be very careful to keep his jaw well out of range of Mr. One Punch's terrific smashes.

Hogan came East for the purpose sidetracking pretenders in the path of Kid Williams so that he could stand all by his conesome as the legitimate bantam to vie or the Baltimore champion's laurels. One Punch did not make good in the sense of his prefix at the National Saturday night, but as "Last-round Hogan" he was more than

Victim No. 1 to receive personal testimony of Hogan's punching powers was Andy Burns, of Richmond. Burns allowed Ho-gan's One Punch, which flung at Andy's jaw just after the opening bell, to ampuate the smoke-laden atmosphere, and then the local entry proceeded to give the visitor a few pointers in boxing. In fact, Burns outboxed Hogan for almost four rounds, then in the fifth Andy made the mistake of slugging with the Southerner, which proved

#### Floor Hits Burns

Near the close of the fifth frame, after Hogan had half-closed Burns' right eye with left hook, O. P. let fly a right-hander on Andy's chin, and it was apparent to the latter that the floor rose to meet him. He ook a count, and on regaining his equilibtook a count, and on regaining his equilibrium decided it would be best to hug Hogan as tightly as possible, so that he could evade any more of One Punch's careless caresses. The bell rang with Burns showing 1000 form in hugging.

Two or three punches in the final period had Burns floundering around the ring like fish out of water trying to get back into He was too weak to continue his perfect gging average, so Referee McGuigan decided that the fans, Burns himself even nore, would appreciate calling a halt to

Thus One-round Hogan made good as Last-round Hogan on his debut in the East.

#### Au Revoir, Tillman

Johnny Tillman, of Minneapolis, showed in his "good-by" go in the wind-up, leaving a good impression on the spectators and also on Young Jack O'Brien with an assortment of hard punches. Tillman and his manager, Charley Perry, leave for the West tonight. They will return East next fall.

Johnny Cashill, who has proved himself a Mike Gibbons, Jr.. in two matches in this city, defeating Tommy Livingston in his clever way Saturday, also came here under the wing of Perry. He will remain here, and until the return of his manager Muggsy Taylor will look after him. Although Morrie Wolf was knocked down

and defeated by Henry Hauber, the former showed himself up as a boy who bears watching. Wolf, who halls from Chicago, made a remarkable bout, when it is con-sidered that he has had but four matches.

#### Levinsky at Olympia

Levinsky, the battler, is in town with a leave of absence from Stratford, Conn., where he rules as Sheriff. About 23 min-utes of the heavyweight's visit will be spent in the Olympia ring tonight, when he en-deavors to make Gunboat Smith feel as if he is blocking the way of a shrappel at-tack. There is no doubt that Levinsky will he is blocking the way of a shrapnel attack. There is no doubt that Levinsky will land fewer than a million and one punches over the anatomy of the Gooner, but he will have to be on his guard to slude Smith's 42-centimetre right handers. One of these punches, landed on a vulnerable spot, would be sufficient to overcome Levinsky's avalanche of blows.

Zulu Kid, not from the islands of that name, but a kid from New York said to fight like a warrior, will make his curtain appearance before a Philadelphia audience in the semi. No matter how good Mr. Zulu Kid is, he will have to show everything he knows, for Joe Tuber, his opponent, makes it his business to face all his foes to box their best.

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Three other bouts, in which there probably will be but one knockout, if any, also A new boxing rule has been inaugurated in Australia, which says that the tossing

### Arranged for Tonight

PRELIMINARIES. Jimmy McCabe vs. Jack Kantrow. Joe Robinson vs. Jimmy Parker. Johnny Campi vs. Harry Brenner SEMIWIND-UP. Joe Tuber vs. Zulu Kid.

WIND-UP. Battling Levinsky vs. Gunboat Smith. NATIONAL BOXING DECISIONS. Johnny Tillman beat Young Jack O'Brien. One Punch Hogan stopped Andy Burns, Johnny Cashill defeated Tommy Livingston. Henry Hauber defeated Morris Wolf, Willie Baker outpointed K. O. Sansom.

in of a towel or sponge to save a man is not to be recognized. The Australians deemed the move necessary, since it prevents crooked seconds from throwing in the sign of defeat when a man is really able to

It was charged that a man who recently fought there was sold out by one of his sec-onds. The towel was tossed in, and the ref-eree immediately awarded the other man the victory. The boxer, who had been imposed upon, protested warmly, but the referee waved him out of the ring, saying, "I cannot help whether you are ready to go on or not. There's the towel. Your own mar threw it in and there is nothing for me to do but stand by the rules." It was this action that caused a change in

the rules. Now they are talking of elimi-nating the rule which causes a contestant to be disqualified if a second jumps in the ring.

#### SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS

While Young Jack Toland is confident he will repeat his victory over Ai Nelson when they fought a rip-snorting six-session scrap last week, the latter feels he will reverse the decision tomorrow night at the Ryan Club. Nelson is in fine fettle, following his win over Willie Hannon, and he expects to whip Toland by the use of a left jab.

Johnny O'Leary is matched with Johnny Din-dee in Buffalo Wednesday night. Reports from that city say Benny Leonard and Fred Welsh turned down flattering offers to meet the Irish-man. Dundse also boxes Mat Wels in Boston tomorrow night, and he comes here for a mix with Buck Felming at the Olympia next Monday.

Jack McGulgan plans to keep his National Club open through the aummer session and will, change his night to probably Wednesday in two weeks or so. Fight fans are fight fans from January to December, and if they get what they want they would attend boxing shows every night.

Back from his home on the coast and after a week of diligent training. Joe Azevedo is pre-pared to return to the ring. He will meet Joe White, of Jersey City, in New York temorrow night.

Dethroned boxers always come back for one more. It seems as if Abs Attell, former feather-weight champion, is after a record for 'come-back' trials. Now Foxy Able says he will get himself into shape again if givon a chance to meet Benny Leonard. Abe's defi apparently is to get his name before the public.

Mike Gibbons is in New York with his brother Tom. The former will meet Ted Lewis at the Garden A. C. Thursday night.

#### Kramer Wins Three-Mile Race

NEWARK, N. J., May 15.—Frank Kramer went out of his class at the Newark Velocitome yesterday afternoon when he won the three-mile open race from a field of 50 starters. Kramer, as a rule, makes he effort to win races over a mile. He led Grenda to the tape by four lengths. McNamara finished in thrip position, with Jake Magin fourth. Arthur position, of Toronto, showed his heels to the veteran Joe Fogier in a match race at two-thirds of a mile.

New Fifteen-Mile Walk Record NEW YORK, May 15, A new Americ record for the 10-mile walk - 2 hours 6 minu and 6 5-5 seconds was made yesterday by a ward fleng, of the Mohawk Athletic Club. Celific Fark. The former record of 2 hou it minutes and 5 seconds, made by Okeste, had stood since December 31, 1880.



Heilman Forsakes Editing To Play National Pastime

Some men are lucky and others are sporting editors.

Four years ago Harry Hellman owned a paper. It wasn't much of a paper, but it carried a date line and a sporting page. As a matter of fact, the entire paper was made up of aporting pews, and in this connection it may be said that Harry was also the managing editor.

Hellman wrote a lot of stoff, and played on one of the amstern tames in a San Francisco page. And today he calls Mr. Fyrus Eaymend Cobb by that distinguished scalingering first name. He is a mamber of the Detroit Tigers and plays the outfield. He plays it well and hits hard.

He once was a sporting editor.

## LOCAL SPEEDWAY BUILT CORRECTLY, **DECLARES RESTA**

Famous Auto Driver Says Wood Track Is Preferable to Brick

ADVICE IS TAKEN

Brick-paved automobile race courses shake both the driver and the car to pieces, says D. Resta, the famous motor pilot, in a letter to R. P. Strine, of the Philadelphia Motor Speedway. Resta's assertions followed a request made by the local association while planning its own speedway now under construction at Warminster, Bucks County, and constitute a serious indictment of the two-and-one-half mile oval at Indianapolis.

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"Wood tracks such as are laid at Sheepshead Speedway make, the racing surface preferred by most drivars," is Resta's declaration. "My experience with cement tracks is that they are very difficult to construct, since it is almost impossible to prevent them sinking in places and forming holes which make high speeds impossible. The brick surface has even restar objections, for it sets up a vibraimpossible. The brick surface has even greater objections, for it sets up a vibra-tion that racks the nerves of the driver and destroys the car. The vibration is so violent that it causes the steering parts to break down through crystallization

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"The brick course, however, is the one fault which may be found with the Indianapolis oval. It has corners sharp enough to bring out all the ability of an expert driver. This gives the public a thrill and breaks up the monotony."

The course of the Philadelphia Motor Speedway Association is to be made of wood, as urged by Resta and other expert od, as urged by Resta and other experi

Resta was the favorite in Saturday's 150-mile race at Sheepshead Bay, but he had engine trouble and was unable to

Pirates Win From Erie Nine ERIE, Pa., May 15.—The Pittsburgh Na-tionals defeated the Erie Interstate team, 5 to 2, here vesterday. The game was played in a rain and was called at the end of the sixth inning.

ED WALSH HOLDS RECORD FOR HURLING MOST GAMES IN A SINGLE CAMPAIGN

Marathon Marks

#### By GRANTLAND RICE

Ballade of the T. R. Twins (Tyrus Raymond and Teddy R., re printed from five years ago to st futile Time is against this pair.) futile Time is against this pair.)
Knock them as much as you will;
Rap them as hard as you may;
Hammer the anvil until
Both of their names are frappe;
Call each a swell-headed jay—
Cooky and chesty and quick;
But, when you've done with it, say,
"These T. R.'s are there with the stick."

Say they are out for the thrill, Giving the grand stand a lay; Trying to top-line the bill, Each in his whirligig way; Trying to sew up the fray; Peg, if you care to, the brick; But, when you ere through with it, say, "These T. R.'s are there with the stick."

Cheer when they come to a spill;
Jeer at them day after day;
Lay out their pathway uphill,
Call them conceited, passe;
Each time they try to get gay,
Rise, if you will, with a kick;
But, when you're done with it, say,
"These T. R.'s are there with the stick."

Step up and wallop the whey Out of each pose that they pick; BUT, when you're through with it, say, 'These T. R.'s are there with THE STICK,"

To show the intrepidity of your correspondent, we have signed up a match to meet Frank Moran. But the battle will be fought on the golf course—niblicks at 12

"I'll bet I can hit that pill," says Charles Francis. Whereupon we made him a wager that he will find it easier to hit the jawbones of Jess Willard or Jack Dillon than the nonresisting globule of gutta percha built in such elusive mold.

"Tris Speaker," says Comiskey, "is a grand ball player." In the same way we would like to go on record as indorsing the business acumen of John D. Rockefeller. It is also our humble belief that Ty Cobb can hit, and that Shakespeare was a first-class writer.

"What is considered a big average num ber of games for a pitcher to work in through a season?" queries H. G. F. Rounding up an average is no simple task, but the high-run seasons of leading pitchers might offer some light on the

Mathewson's hardest season was in 1908 when he took part in 58 games. His next fattest campaign was in 1914, when he took part in 48 games. Mathewson has

### Took Part in 66 Contests During Season of 1908 Walter Johnson and Mathewson Also Have

pitched in 40 games or more nine of his 16 seasons.

Ed Walsh was the long-distance king of them all. In 1908 Walsh took active part in 66 games, nearly half the battles fought. It is noteworthy that in 1908, the two years Matty and Walsh did their greatest work, the Glants and White Sox were both beats out in the pennant by one game. In 1911 Walsh took part in 55 games and he tolled in 62 games in 1912. No wonder he passed out as a star before his prime was over. They pitched his arm off and his heart out because he was willing to shoulder the binden.

Walter Johnson's two tough seasons were to games in 1912 and 51 games in 1914. Johnson has pitched in 40 games or more every season since 1998. Alexander's big year was last season, when he worked in 49 games. Big Alex has worked in from 46 to 49 games each year he has been with the Phillies, showing the general consistency of his endurance.

Larry Cheney worked in 54 games for the Cubs in 1915 and 50 games in 1914.

In discussing pitchers the wonder work of Eddie Plank should not be forgotten. Plank has never been called upon to carry the burdens that Walsh. Mathewson and Johnson have carried—but the remarkable part is that at 41 he is as effective as he was at 25. Plank and Cy Young are the only two pitchers we know of who have crossed 40 with winning arms.

Old King Cole was a jolly old sout, A jolly old person, but The jolly old duffer in all his life Never foosled a 12-inch putt.

The Giants won more games in Pitts-burgh in three days than they were able to win from Boston, Brooklyn and Phila-delphia in three weeks. You can take this as a Giant revival or the tip-off on Pitts burgh, just as you feel about it.

Moose McCormick a Coach MONTCLAIR, N. J., May 15.—Harry (Moces) McCormick, former member of the Glants, has been engaged by the Montclair A. C. to coach its baseball team this season.

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### EVENING LEDGER MOVIES-WHAT WOULD BE A FAIR FIGURE, HUGHEY, FOR THE PICKET'S CHARGE?

