PHILLIES FACED MOST CONSISTENT PITCHING OF THE SEASON IN SERIES WITH BROOKLYN

GRAND FORM OF BROOKLYN **FITCHING STAFF MAKES TEAM** DANGEROUS FLAG CONTENDER

Dodgers Have Strengthened Weakest Point in Powerful Machine, Robinson Now Having Five Dependable and Experienced Hurlers

WHATEVER one may have thought of Brooklyn's pennant chances a few weeks ago, any person who saw the four games played against the Phillies must admit that Wilbert Robinson's team is a most serious contender for the ag, and the team which beats the Dodgers will win the pennant. Just how good oklyn's chance is depends entirely upon whether Manager Robinson can andle his pitchers properly.

Brooklyn had an excellent chance to win the pennant last season, but Robinson handled his pitchers poorly and his mainstays were not there when called upon for a driving finish. Barring the battery men, Brooklyn was conceded to have one of the most powerful teams in the country this year, and the past notics proved conclusively that Robinson has pitchers and plenty of them. It is up to him to handle them properly.

There are one or two spots in the Brooklyn team which might be strengthened. but where one player may be a triffe below form as a fielder he makes up for the deficiency in batting. There is not a player on the team who does not have redeeming feature to his play which makes him stand out prominently, and the only thing that appears to be below the championship standard is the thinking ability of a few men who are occupying important positions in the batting order.

Brooklyn has the necessary balance; it is an experienced team, and while It may pull some bad errors of judgment at times, it is not a team which will ro to pleces in a pinch. In fact, aside from the pitchers, the Dodgers always have proved a team which is at its best in a critical series. Perhaps one or two of the Dodgers may have been playing above their normal speed in the last series, but, all things considered, it looked like a mighty powerful team, and the Phils have their work cut out for them to beat Robinson's team.

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Five Pitchers in Great Trim

S STATED before, Brooklyn did not appear to have enough good twirlers at A the start of the season, but without calling upon one of the most consistent young pitchers in the National League, Manager Robinson trotted out four hurlers to baffled the Phillies. "Wheezer" Dell, who had shut out the Phillies twice this season, was not even called upon to face the champions, as Manager Robinson, profiting by his mistakes of 1#15, is working his hurlers in order, and seldom calls upon a regular out of turn, even for relief duty.

In the four games against Smith, Pfeffer, Coombs and Cheney, the Phillies scored only six runs and were held to a total of 20 hits, or an average of five per game. Eight of these hits were made off Southpaw Smith in the first game of the series, but they produced only one run. Fortunately for the Phillies, Alexander the Great was on the mound ir this game, and the one run gave the champions a victory.

One may get the impression that the Phillies failed to defeat the Dodgers because they were in a batting slump, but such was not the case. It always is a question whether the failure of a team to hit is due to its own batting slump, or whether the other pitcher has just a trifle more "stuff" than a team has been facing. In this case we believe that the scarcity of base hits was due entirely to the latter, as Brooklyn's pitchers showed better control (barring the first inning of Pfeffer's game) and more "stuff" than any staff appearing in this city this mason, both leagues included.

The absence of Captain Luderus from every game, and the failure of Stock to take his regular place in three of the four was a great handicap to the Fhillies, and may have taken away much of their confidence, but Whitted played wonderful ball at first, while Bobby Byrne played a faultless game at third. Cooper's work in centre field was off color, but there is some excuse for this, as he is unaccustomed to playing the position in the Philly park,

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Cooper's Misjudgments Were Excusable

OUTFIELDERS who have been playing in the National League for years are of the opinion that centre and right field at the Philly park are the two hardest fields in the entire country for an outfielder to judge a ball. They contend that because the field is built in a hollow, below the street level, the ball is concealed from them in the shadow of the high stands until it gets well up in the air.

It was apparent that Cooper could not get the range in the last series, as denly discovered that the ball was either over his head or in front of him. Cooper looks like a mighty good ball player, and the fans should be patient and give him E chance to strike his stride. Any player who can hit, field and run the bases as consistently as Cooper did in the Federal League must have the natural ability, and Pat Moran will get it out in time.

Cooper's slight misjudgment of Johnstone's long fly gave the Dodgers a tworun lead yesterday, or Eppa Rixey might have won his game. But, then, it must considered that both of the Philly runs were due to Brooklyn errors, and that if both pitchers had been given perfect support the game would have resulted in a 1-to-0 defeat, anyway. . . .



Rixey Looked Better Than Ever

DIXEY pitched splendid ball, and it really was strange that Brooklyn secured It so many hits. He had a better fast ball than he has shown in three years, but it was this delivery that the Dodgers hit. Rixey's curve ball was not breaking so well when he needed it, but his fast ball was great. It was a hard game for Rixey to lose, but it would have been a harder one if Cheney had lost it after pitching so well.

As a rule, Cheney passes anywhere from six to twelve men a game, but yesterday his control was almost perfect. He walked Niehoff and Whitted, and hit Cravath, but the latter gift was the only one which was due to wildness on the part of Cheney. Whitted and Nichoff drew passes, because runners were on base when they stepped to the plate, and Cheney preferred passing them to grooving the ball. He tried to make both hit at bad balls until he worked himself into a hole, and then wisely walked them.

One striking feature of the game was Wilbert Robinson's excellent judgment in pulling Stengel from the game and substituting Jimmy Johnstone, because a southpaw was on the mound for the Phils. Last season Robinson seldom pulled suything of this sort, and that is why the Dodgers lost so many games by one run. Johnstone drove in the first run with a triple, and was responsible for the other tally made in the first inning. He also contributed two singles.

. . . Giants Tie Record Made by Senators

IN TYING the winning streak made by Washington, in 1912, the New York Giants performed a feat which experts declared never would be repeated in the history of baseball. They argued that the Senators were favored by all the breaks when they won 17 games in succession on the road, and that in these days of pitching supremacy no team could go that far without bumping against a twirler upon whom they could not score, but the Giants accomplished the feat.

It was fitting that Christy Mathewson should pitch the 17th victory, and that he should turn the trick with a shut-out victory. Matty apparently has come back for good, as he has done wonderful work since the Giants started on the winning streak. When the present season opened there did not seem to be a chance for the famous veteran to come back, and there was hardly a scribe, player or fan in the country, aside from New York, who believed Matty had a chance, but they reckoned without considering the heart and fighting spirit of this marvel.

When the news was flashed to the Philly Park that Matty was pitching in Boston, a crowd of spectators flocked about the press box to get the inning-by-inning acore before it was posted on the scoreboard, and there were loud cheers from the crowd when the final score was posted, despite the fact that the victory aboved the Phillies down further in the race. All the world loves a winner, particularly when the winner is a record breaker.

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Whitted's unfamiliarity with the first-base position gave the Dodgers their final run. Had Whitted been a regular first baseman he would have handled Myers' alow grounder in the eighth, depending upon Rixey to cover the bag. Instead, he ran over to cover first after having started for the ball. It went meh for a single and Myers oventually scored on Daubert's sacrifice and Whent's hit after two men had been retired.

Bui Killefer made two spiendid throws to second yesterday, and there did on appear to be anything wrong with his pegging, excepting that he is holding such the much. It is better for the brilliant receiver to hold back a triffe now than take too many chances before his arm is strong.

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TENNIS Women's championship of Pennsylvania and astern States at Merion Cricket Club, Haverord, Bucks County-Women's and men's singles Plymouth-Men's progressive doubles tourna-pent. CRICKET

Halifax Cup-Germantown vs. Frankford, at fanhelm: Philadelphia vs. Merlon, at St. Martin's. Philadelphia Cup-Merion vs. Germantown, at Haverford: Haverford College vs. Philadelphia. at Haverford.

at Haverford. Interscholastic League—Penn Charter vs. Cen-tral High, at Queen Lane. TRACK CEVENTS Ancient Order Hibernians, at Point Breeze

Park, 1 p. m. Gaelle Athletic League, Central Park, 1 p. m. Scholastic competition.

TRAPSHOOTING EVENTS sendent Gun Club, Holmesburg Junction. Independent Gan II day, Meadow Springs Gun Club, Springfield, Pa. Afternoon, Philadelphia Shooting Academy, Wyoming ave-nee and D streets, Afternoon.

Theoretically this is Decoration Day. Actually, in Philadelphia, it is the big athletic day of the year. Every form of sports is indulged in from kings of indoor and outdoor sports down to the deuce spots of each. There will be some decorative stunts, too, but this will be largely of an internal nature for this is Decoration Day nternal nature, for this is Decoration Day, ot election time.

not election time. The overpowering majority of sport cravers in the Quaker City will be at the Phillies' ball park or watching the score board. Mr. Moran's champions made a

strenuous endeavor to head the pennant-mad Giants, who had won 17 in a row when the first game began this morning. While the Phils are struggling to regain few of the lost notches in the league ole. Connie Mack will send his band of

collar-wished athletes against Bill Dono-van's Yankees at the Polo Grounds, New York. In fact, all clubs in the American

next in importance to the Phillies' games will be the diamond duel between Roy Thomas' University of Pennsylvania nine and the tawdry Tigers from Princeton. This game, which formerly was played on Straw-hat day, will be launched on Franklin Field at 2:30 o'clock.

Golfers in this section of Philadelphia County and vicinity are viewing with more

more than local interest.

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Benny Sayers said the transit magnate charge of this property to have the greens and fairways in perfection for this occa-sion and they appear to have wrought well. There are 14 club tournaments in various sections of this city and vicinity, but none

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His midget body twisted in perfect bal

ince and the ball flitted away like a bullet

"It hasn't stopped yet," said Golfer

Stoteshury in amusement some minu later, as all stood entranced at the shot.

Benny Shows a Real One

carry far out in the fairway.

Travers, open champion. He did not like the click of the camera shutters that took grass is a bit coarse, naturally, but the greens have been slicked up in great shape his action, and in this way accounts for his opening shot, which was slightly off the line. It was a clean shot, though, and the

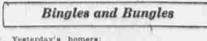
and good enough for any match. The holes were cut for the first time yesterday. The only work yet to be done, aside from the large gallery of prominent citizens and city officials woke the country echoes with regular upkeep of the course, is the work of moothing out and terracing the space The transit magnate was so pleased with around the two Colonial white locker buildhis first shot that he immediately teed off ings.

again. He looked up an his club came The new course is only expected to be a ound to see the birdlike flight of his ball. slight relish to appeare the first appetite of hungry golfers hereabouts that want to instead of the ball, however, he saw a uge chunk of turf, and thereby had the honor of taking up the first divot on the honor of taking up the first divot on the new course, a million of which are ex-pected to be taken up by the scores of beake up the game regularly.

There was much talk today of eventually urning over this course to golfers that play game in the 120s, and to build at least wo other courses. One location is likely to be League Island, and Frankford may ilso be favored.

Millions of questions are thrown at the Fresident Robert W. Lesley, of the Golf overworked superintendent of the course and the Park Commissioners. Any player association of Philadelphia, was the next colfer to mount the teeing ground. As an goiner to mount the teeing ground. As an acknowledged golfer, he was expected to show the crowd how the trick was done, and the "honorable proxy" did not disap-point. He took up a wooden club and landed on the tiny pill with a sweet smack can golf on the course who has a registration ticket, price \$1, any time during the year, or by paying a fee of 50 cents the day he wants to play. A few lockers will be reserved for these golfers for use when they want to play. Players that want prithat picked it off its sandy tee for a pretty

vate lockers will pay \$10 per year. Cho of lockers was given today in the order of application at the locker house. There are The last baptizer to step to the bat was Benny Sayers, the granddaddy of golf, of golf, 412 lockers for men and they have not all both in this country and abroad. He is one been taken. There are 101 women's lockers. Mounted police will patrol the course to strictly enforce the rules. Each player of the most famous characters in the game. He has taught most of the Kings, Queens and other royalty, both ancient and mod-ern, the game of golf, and the gallery stepped forward as Benny picked up the famous "dreadnought" driver, that he inmust have his own set of clubs and must start from the first tee. No preference will be given in starting, at first, to holders of lockers, though some arrangement will like iy be made for this later on. rented, and waggled the huge head over



Yesterday's homers: Thomas, Red Sox, off Caldwell, Yanks. Christia Mathewson made it 17 straight for the Giants.

Matty was in old-time form. He blanked the traves, allowing only four hits.

Five double place shortened the game. One of these was started by Matty.

The Dodgers hung on to their lead over the Giants by beating the Phillies. Errors gave Brooklyn the game.

Mitchell, of Cincinnati, mada the Pirates eat at of his hand, while his teammates ran up hough runs to win

Ty Cobb turned himself loose, getting a double, riple, two singles and scoring four finies. In addition, he stole twice,

A total of 19 hits were amassed by the Ti-gers in the second game. Plank and Craudal were driven from the mount in the third, when Detroit scored nine runs.

BLEA-CHORS

was chartered in 1914, had intended to bring an injunction against the national body, providing they were "kicked out," as he termed it, and when put to the vote Mr. Collins was the only one against not recognizing cup competitions. Secretary Thomas W. Cahill introduced

a resolution for the purpose of fostering the game among the schoolboys in all sec-tions of the country. It was decided that all municipal playground associations or public school teams which in future win the championship of their respective divisions will receive a banner provided the request for same is made to the State Asso-clation, which will then take the matter up with the United States body, John A. Fernley, of New Bedford, Mass. the retiring president, was re-elected with-

out opposition, as was George Healey, of Detroit, elected second vice president. Competition prevailed for the other officers, which resulted as follows: First vice pres ident, Douglas Stewart, Philadelphia; third vice president, George M. Collins, New Bedford, Mass; secretary, Thos. W. Cahill, of New York, and treasurer, Archibald Birse, of Chicago. After Mr. Birse's re-election, George H. Kirk, of the Peel challenge cup competition, of Chicago, re-quested the president to inform him as to what association Mr. Birse represented, but the chair refused to comply with the re-

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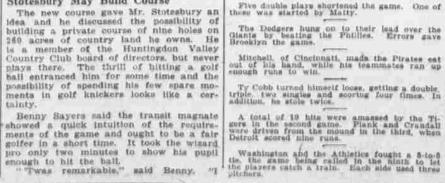
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Benny just missed his putt for a 4 by a fraction of an inch on the first hole. Prealand National Leagues are due to engage in dent Lesley laso played out the first hole win tilts today. and got a 6. In the local baseball world, the affair Stotesbury May Build Course

than passing interest the opening of the municipal links at Cobb's Creek Park, just beyond the 63th street station of the "L." Work has been rushed recently by those in tainty