

SKINE MAYER SHOWED FLASH OF 1915 FORM IN FINAL GAME AGAINST ST. LOUIS

MILLER HUGGINS SAYS MAYER MUST COME BACK IF PHILLIES HOPE TO WIN PENNANT AGAIN

St. Louis Manager Believes Rixey and Demaree Will Help Alexander, But Side-arm Artist Must Finish Strong

Inasing up the Phillies' chance to repeat in the National League pennant race, Miller Huggins, manager of the St. Louis Cardinals, says: "The Phillies are much stronger than they are given credit for being, but so is the league, and I think it will be necessary for Alexander and Mayer to finish just as strong as they started in 1915, for the team to repeat."

Looking back over the files one finds that Alexander and Mayer had gained 16 victories between them in the first six weeks of the season. This year Alexander has captured 10 games already, but Mayer has won only two, his second being won yesterday. Huggins allows for Rixey and Demaree pitching consistent ball in doing out the race as the doers, but believes that Mayer also must come through for the Phils to win the pennant.

Last season Mayer started off in grand shape; went bad for six weeks in the middle of the season and then came back strong. This season he has been useless. He is credited with only four defeats, but his lack of form caused the loss of several others which he could have saved by relieving a weakening hurler. If he had been in shape, perhaps Mayer is having his losing streak now and will recover. His work yesterday indicated that he was rounding into form.

Mayer Pitches Well in Closing Innings.

MAYER relieved McQuillan in the tenth inning and looked just as good as he did at this time last season. He was only in for two innings, and as he has shown a tendency to start well and finish poorly, he may not have been on the mound long enough for one to take his flash of form seriously, but we are inclined to believe that Mayer is about ready for regular work. He had better speed yesterday than he has shown at any time this season; his curve ball was breaking well, and he showed more ginger and ambition. In the two innings he was on the mound the Cardinals failed to get a hit and only one was batted out of the infield.

If Mayer has returned to form the Phillies are in excellent shape, but if yesterday's exhibition was merely a flash in the pan the Phillies are in a bad way for pitchers. Moran has enough hurlers, but only three have shown consistent form. They are Alexander, Demaree and Rixey and the latter is ineffective against certain teams. Bender has pitched grand ball as a relief pitcher. This is the Indian's strong point and Moran should save him for this work, as going the nine-inning route is not so easy for the veteran.

Bender started yesterday's game against the Cardinals, but weakened after the fifth inning. For five innings he had as much stuff as at any time in his career, but suddenly lost the break on his fast ball. St. Louis was helpless until Hornsby smashed his terrific drive into the bleachers with Miller on base. Then Bender began to weaken and the Philly lead dwindled.

Meadows Gave Wonderful Exhibition

WHEN Bender retired from the game the Phillies were one run in the lead, but the Cardinals quickly tied the score on McQuillan and the game went into extra innings with McQuillan and Lee Meadows starting a duel, until Mayer relieved "Big Mac" in time to get credit for the victory. While it was a brilliant victory for the Phils to win, a large percentage of the spectators were pulling for Meadows because of the great exhibition of nifty pitching he gave in the ninth inning.

The Phillies had the bases full with nobody out in this inning and Stock and Cravath due to hit. Meadows got by with Stock, who fouled to Hornsby. Then came Cravath. The Philly slugger had struck out twice and the fans thought he was due for a hit, but Meadows fanned him for the third time. Dugy, who was sent in as a pinch runner for McQuillan, had started for the plate with the count three balls and two strikes on Cravath, as he figured Gavy would surely hit. When Cravath missed his third swing, Dugy was caught napping off third.

The teams battled along until the eleventh with neither team in a position to score. Two men were out in this inning when Bancroft walked. Bert Niehoff, who had made a home run and two singles, then broke up the game with a double to right. This hit was an ordinary high fly which would have been an out on any other field, but it just reached the fence. The hit was so high that Bancroft had no trouble scoring from first despite the fact that he fell rounding third.

Pipp Succeeds Where His Father Failed

TWENTY-FIVE years ago a slugging young second baseman, of an independent team in Chicago, went South on a training trip with the famous Chicago team under "Cap" Anson. He lacked experience and Anson advised him to play with one of the many star independent teams of that period for a year or two and then return to Chicago. The youngster had just married and decided to give up the game, although it was his ambition to be a ball player.

He moved to a small town in Michigan and went into business. Just 22 years later his son joined Detroit, but was sent to the International League for further seasoning after the training trip. The father thought that history was repeating, but today the youngster is one of the best first basemen in the game, and also one of the hardest hitters of the major leagues. He is Walter Pipp, the brilliant young first baseman of the Yankees.

New York Again May See Gibbons in Action

THE promoters in New York are active again. This time a Mike Gibbons-Jack Dillon battle may occupy the spotlight, and it is proposed to stage the middleweight attraction at one of the Gotham open-air clubs. Gibbons has engaged in two big matches in New York within the last year and on each occasion drew large audiences. Against Packey McFarland he drew a record crowd, and pitted against Ted "Kid" Lewis filled Madison Square Garden.

Now what would a Gibbons-Dillon battle draw? This would be a bout between two of the leading middleweights and fighters who employ entirely different styles of ring attack. One is the finesse of cleverness; the other, a rugged, slugging fighter. But both have demonstrated that they are leaders, and a meeting between the two is certain to be an excellent attraction. Dillon seldom appears to good advantage matched with men of his own size, but let him go out of his class and he rarely fails to take the verdict.

President Tener's congratulatory dinner given to the National League umpires was rather an unusual affair. As a rule the umpires are called together only when it is necessary to issue some orders or to read the riot act to the officials, but Tener called them to New York to congratulate them on their work. Tener claims that his present officials are the best the National League has ever had, and he probably is right. Incidentally the league chief congratulated Harrison for his work in Philadelphia, which is another way of taking a slap at the Phillies for their conduct during the afternoon game on Decoration Day.

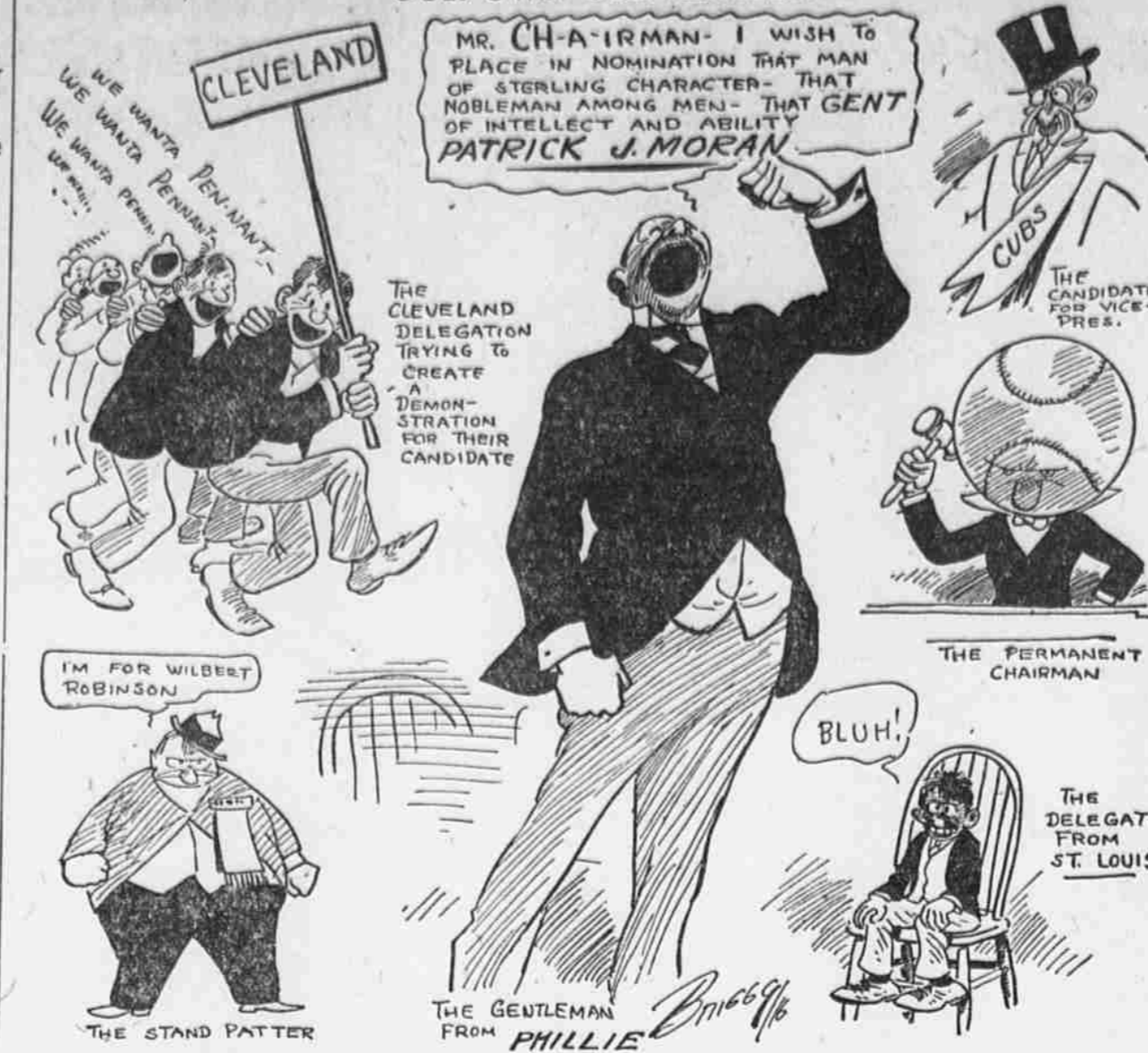
Now comes the rumor that not only will Everett Smalley, the brilliant Central High School track athlete, enter Penn, but that "Bud" Walsh, the all round star of Penn Charter; Shields, the Mercersburg miler who broke the world's scholastic one mile record, and George Meredith, brother of Ted, also will enter Pennsylvania. This quartet of athletes would assure the next Penn track coach a solid foundation for the 1918 team, but as so many rumors of this sort have been circulated, only to meet with details, it is best to wait until next fall before enthusing. If all the scholastic athletes who have been sent to Penn by rumor were to matriculate, the track and football championship of 1918, when the incoming Freshmen are eligible for Varsity competition, would be clinched for the Red and Blue before the seasons started.

For some reason or other neither of the St. Louis teams can attract a large crowd in this city. No matter how high either the Cardinals or Browns stand in their respective leagues, the fans fail to turn out when they are playing. It has been so for several years. Perhaps the reason is that both leagues have been represented by teams which lack personality. This season, however, the Browns have lots of individuality, but they drew less than any other team playing at Shibe park this season.

Jack Ellis's feat in running the 120 hurdles in 13 4-5 seconds is not a record because he did not perform the feat over regulation hurdles. His mark was made over 2 feet 6 inch hurdles, which is vastly different than topping the regulation hurdles which are a foot higher. There is at least one second difference in the average time made over the low and high hurdles. It was a wonderful performance, nevertheless, and indicates that the New Yorker is in shape to give Simpson, the Missouri wonder, a great battle if the pair can be brought together this summer.

What a pity it is that there are no Olympic games this year. There are more good track athletes in the United States than ever before, and our team would have been far stronger than any ever entered in these games. The 1916 team was believed to be the height of perfection, but the 1918 aggregation is superior in virtually every event but the hammer-throw, and it is possible that the old guard of weight men would still be able to reach their old marks.

OUR OWN CONVENTION



THESE ARE "EXAM" DAYS FOR OARSMEN AT POUGHKEEPSIE

'Cramming' Is Principal Occupation and Crew Work Is a Thing Apart

COLUMBIA IS CONFIDENT

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., June 6. — Although there is war in Europe and therein engaged is Vivian Nickalls, there also are three eight-oared shell races to be rowed here in less than two weeks, one never would sense that fact these days by a visit to the crew quarters of Pennsylvania and Cornell. Here the talk is, "Mr. Wright may I please stay up until 10:30 tonight to run over the formula for alcohol?" or, "Mr. Courtney may please get up at 5 tomorrow to bone on Mark Anson?" I never could find out why he was so foolish as to leave Egypt!

Never a word do you hear about the glith of the Syracuse stroke or the bolts of Collier, the Cornell stroke, or of the pins of the reason why Yale and Harvard don't come up here every year and get a licking.

It is nothing but binomial theorems, quantitative analysis, the history of the Medes and similar exciting subjects. These oarsmen are oblivious to yellow-colored sporting extras or the latest time trial made by Columbia. For these fellows are taking their final examinations. Crew work is a thing apart.

Professor Foster Not Present

Now if Professor Foster, of Reed University, who indicted intercollegiate sport, only were here the Poughkeepsie Hospital or the Ysesser Sanitarium would have a patient suffering from shock. As he isn't muck-raking he nevertheless must pause and consider for the very good reason that here is proof on every side that college oarsmen study.

Why, when the Quaker varsity crew started down the course this morning, Al Foster, coxswain, who is all wrapped up in engineering, kept yelling "Give her gas! Give her gas!" just like a regular engineer in a Vanderbilt cup race. Rowing news—why there isn't such a thing. It's all history, philosophy, metaphysics, engineering and architecture.

Penn's oarsmen even got the goat of Joe Wright when he set out to ask them about their outgearing on the new shell which needs adjusting. "How high shall I raise yours, Chickerling?" he yelled to the captain, and before he knew it the Red and Blue leader was taking into account the specific gravity of the shell, his strength test and blood pressure and combining them into a formula to find the value of "x." This is no place for a regular newspaper reporter.

Hoyle Not Practical

The Quakers arrived here Saturday evening in time for a row and Cornell broke the Sabbath by detaining at 5:30, just like a Red Cross outfit removing soldiers from an ambulance. At least you would have thought so the way John Hoyle impressed them to care for these fragile boats.

Personally, it was beyond understanding, for Hoyle makes those same shells and gets \$600 per for them. All of which goes to prove that unless Courtney can come to the rescue Cornell is taking a chance in leaving her crews in the hands of Hoyle. He showed right away on his arrival that he wasn't a practical man.

One has to go up to the Columbia quarters to get a line on rowing. "Exams" were finished there last week and the boys can give attention to things of importance. They have it all figured out that they can lick Pennsylvania and give Cornell a rub. Wright's crew is too light and hasn't the punch. Cornell's is a heavy-lar looking outfit and sufficiently rounded to give any of them trouble. But they are pretty sure over the fact that the Quakers have taken their old honor of being the lightest crew on the river. There isn't an alibi left for them.

North Penn Schedules Races

The North Penn Trotting Association has announced arrangements for races, including prices and filioons at the Cedar Park half-mile track. Joe L. and Harry L. are the track boys for the season. Harry L. is secretary.

HOW "PAR" IS DETERMINED IN GOLF LINKS PARLANCE

ONE of the first things for the beginner at golf to do is to acquaint himself with the terms of the game. One of these most used is "par." "Par" means perfect play without flukes. The par of the holes at Cobb's Creek Park is determined by certain rules laid down by the United States Golf Association, and this is true of every golf course in this country. Holes up to 225 yards in length have a par of 3. Holes 225 to 425 yards, inclusive, have a par of 4. Holes 426 to 600 yards, inclusive, have a par of 5. Holes 601 yards and upward have a par of 6.

Par Strokes

In determining the par two strokes are allowed on each putting green, irrespective of whether the hole is short or long. Holes up to 225 yards may be driven from the tee either with wood or iron clubs, so that it will be seen that one stroke is allowed for the tee shot and two for the putts. But when the hole is longer than 225 yards it will take two shots to reach the green, so the par is increased by one stroke, still allowing two strokes on the green. Where it takes three shots to reach the green the par is made five, three for the tee and fairway shots and still two strokes on the putting green.

If you will remember these figures it is not difficult to estimate the par for any hole, except in certain cases where there are unusual conditions. Any hole whose putting green can be reached in one stroke from the tee is called a one-shot hole. If two shots are needed it is a two-shot hole, and where three are required it is a three-shot hole.

"Bird" Defined

If the par of a hole is three and you make it in two strokes that feat is called a "bird." A "bird" is one stroke under par. An "eagle" is two strokes under par. You also hear the term "bob." A "bob" is applied only to a hole which may be reached in one stroke from the tee. If you drive the green it is called a "bob."

The tee grounding is the starting place for a hole. When you start to play you place your ball on a small pile of sand called a "tee." The term "tee" also is used for the teeing ground. The front of each teeing ground is indicated by two marks or

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PLUCK AND LUCK ESSENTIAL, BUT DON'T OVERLOOK PART PLAYED BY FATE IN SUCCESS

Gavy Cravath Failed in World Series, Not Through Lack of Merit, But Rather That Fate Had Him Marked and Spotted

By GRANTLAND RICE

The Phantom of Defeat

They may not see me from the Field; Whom I have shadowed in the Fight; They may not know why they must yield, Whatever be their skill, or might; They only know that through the years, Their feet may never reach the throne, Their portion only sighs and tears Whom I have marked to be my own.

They may not know I marked them out In babyhood—nor down the way I guided them in veal and roast Across the borders of their day; They only wonder at the night, Of unseen hands that drop their back, Just as they storm the final height To falter in the last attack.

You know the ones I speak of here, That ought to win—no matter how; And falter when the crown is due; You called it luck of nerve—or such— Not knowing, when their dream was killed, That I, Fate, held them in my clutch And drove them downward as I willed.

And some I crush before they rise, And others I give dreams that see Beyond the starlight of the skies; The victories that are to be; I lead them upward to the crest, And then, just where the last gate stands, I drive the thorns into each breast And wrest the roses from their hands.

They may not see me from the Field, Whom I have shadowed in the Fight; They may not know why they must yield, Whatever be their skill—or might; They only know that out the way Some shadow ever dims the throne— Poor dreamers of an empty day, Whom I have marked to be my own.

Fate and Success

It is more inspiring, and there is a better moral tone involved, to suggest that in sport each man is a carver of his own destiny—that pluck is everything and that luck is nothing.

The Game's Destiny

What is meant by Fate? Well, here is one instance. Last September at Detroit in the amateur golf championship Chick Evans had a 74 in his first round and was beaten. Sherrill Sherman had no round under 80 and yet went on to the semifinals.

It was Evans' fate to meet Sawyer at the best. There is the fate of one man playing well, meeting an opponent who happens to be at his best. The former loses. Another not playing nearly so well, wins, because his opponent was far off form. In the main, goes with the victory—wins with the defeat.

Fate Again

Last year Maurice McLoughlin beat William M. Johnston more than once. But on the day the national championship was played it was McLoughlin's fate that Johnston should be at his best.

Travers lost to Marston at Detroit when the open champion played the last 18 holes exactly in par. Another section from Travers for it so happened that against Marston he played the last 12 holes five strokes better than he was able to play them against any other man through the tournament. It was not Travers' poor play that lost. It was Fate that threw up against the most brilliant finish of the week's play.

Not to Forget Cravath

Then, again, there is the world's record case of Cactus Cravath. The Cactus was tipped off to knock the ball out of the lot. In Philadelphia, where the fence is fairly close, he was unable to get it a long punch. In Boston, where the ball is big, Cravath smashed at least three long flies that would have earned him some fame if they had been landed in his home ballpark. They went for outs in Boston, where they would have been home runs in Philadelphia. He was facing the pitcher that he faced in Philadelphia, and was not through lack of merit, but rather that Fate or this occasion had him marked and spotted.

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