# MORAN'S BAND DID NOT GAIN GROUND, BUT HAS IMPROVED GREATLY ON LONG HOME STAN

# PHILS CLOSE MEDIOCRE HOME STAND WITH FLASH OF 1915 FORM IN ALL DEPARTMENTS

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## Moran's Champions Are Still Below Batting Gait, But Indications Are That Slump Is Over, While Pitchers Are Improving

THE first long home stand of the Phillies comes to an end today. It cannot be said that it was satisfactory, so far as the games won and lost are concerned, and the team failed to shake off the batting slump which has held it back since early in May, but the general improvement in all departments during the last week indicates that the champions have found their stride, and it probably will be only a matter of a few days before the sluggers get going.

The wonderful ability of Moran's men to score runs on half the number of hits its opponents require was the great feature of the home stand, and after the disastrous series with Brooklyn the Phillies played a greatly improved brand of tall. Only 16 games have been played, the final contest with the Reds today being the seventeenth; whereas 22 were scheduled. The five postponed games will help the Phillies instead of harming them, as the champions are better equipped with dependable pitching material than any of the serious pennant contenders, who have the same number of double-headers to play.

By the time the double-headers are played the Philly pitching staff will be in much better shape, as Moran's hurlers have shown great improvement within the last two weeks. The failure of Chaimers and Mayer to round into form prevented the Phils from getting a comfortable lead, but both men have shown great improvement within the last week, while Joe Oeschger is about ripe for regular work. If this youngster can keep his nerve, he will have good control, and if he has control, he is likely to surprise the fans.

The pitching during the week was unusually good. Alexander gave the Phillies the jump by winning, the first game of the series from Pittsburgh, and Demarce, Bender and Rixey followed with splendid exhibitions. Demarce wabbled for a brief period late in the game, and Manager Moran showed excellent judgment by sending Bender to the mound in time to save the game. Bender entered the game with the score tled, and the Phillies eventually won. Rixey's victory was a brilliant 12-inning pitching duel with Jacobs, and gave the champions a clean sweep of the series, which incidentally was the first clean-up of the season.

#### Starting Alex Each Series

RETURNING to his 1915 policy, Manager Moran sent Alexander back against the Reds in the opening game of the series. The result was a victory, which gave the champions the jump on their opponents, which is half the battle in a race where all teams are so evenly matched. Alexander will have a three-day rest and can be started off against Brooklyn on Monday.

Of the 16 games played, the Phils won only nine, which is a trifle below what may be termed championship form, but as only the Dodgers and Cubs surpassed this record, and no team enjoyed a winning streak of more than four consecutive victories, but little ground was lost. When the Phillies returned home on May 26 they had won 18 and lost 12 games, while Brooklyn was leading, with 17 victories and 10 defeats. Today the Dodgers lead by two full games, with 28 victories and 16 defeats, while the Phils have won 27 and lost 19.

Brooklyn's record for the home stand to date is 11 victories and hix defeats. which is an excellent performance for such an evenly balanced league. The home stand of the Dodgers is not at an end yet, as they have nine more games at home with the Phillies and New York, starting next Monday. The most discouraging-part of the Brooklyn home stand, looking at it from a local standpoint, has been the wonderful work of Robinson's pitching staff. Pfeffer, Smith, Cheney, Dell and Coombs have been pitching such unusual ball that it has not even been necessary to use relief hurlers, and Brooklyn has been winning, despite the fact that it has not been hitting as well as it will later on in the season.

The race is not half over, and the Dodgers have not passed through the most dangerous stage yet, but as the weeks roll by Robinson's team looks better. There is no sign of a break in the brilliant and consistent work of the entire Brooklyn outfit, and it is becoming apparent that the Dodgers are the Phils' most dangerous rival, with the Cubs and Braves likely to upset the dope at any time. .

#### **Phillies Able to Win Without Hitting**

AS STATED before, one of the most unusual features of the work of the Phillies has been their ability to win games without hitting. Another surprising feature has been the winning of nine out of 16 games, although greatly outscored by their opponents. In the 10 games the Phillies tallied only 42 runs, an average of 2.6 runs to a game, while the opposing teams have made 56 runs, or an average of 3.5 runs per game. Still more surprising is the fact that the Phillies have been outbatted almost 2 to 1 for the 16 games.

New York and Boston have lost ground on the home stand, during which each had been counting upon climbing up with the leaders, and the Phillies and Brooklyn have increased their lead. Judging by the form shown by both teams within the last week, either is likely to start a spurt, depending entirely upon the result of the series between the two teams next week.

Only seven runs have been scored off the Philly pitchers in the last four games, all of which have been won, and if the pitchers can show the same form against Brooklyn the champions should take three out of four, all breaks being even. It is unlikely that either team will bat very hard in this series, and the uside play of the Phils gives them an edge.

#### Easy to See Why Cleveland Leads



DELIBERATE FAR Local Scribe Scored Printing Story About Reds' Manager TEAM IN THE RUNNIN By CHANDLER D. RICHTER Manager Charley Herzog, of De trenuously denies that he picked Phillies and Brooklyn to fight for the nant, with the Braves close up in the and brands the interview published by evening paper yesterday as the most liberate fake he has ever encountered he has been managing Cincinnati.

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he has been managing Cincinnai. Herzog says that he did not error to a newspaper man or even a fan free time he arrived in Philadelphia unit torday. Immediately after Third game Herzog took a train to Ridgely his home, to see his mother, and he not return until 1:30 yesterday after Herzog's mother was stricken with bank last winter and is an invalid. He had seen her since he went South and, a finger was in such poor shape that he we not have played yesterday if a same been played, he took the opportunity is home.

Called Meeting

Called Meeting The Cincinnati manager called a method of his players last night to deny the year which he says is not the first from is same source. He told his players that interview was faked by a scribe is not even talked to and that he did not as even talked to and that he figured than of the running, because he felt certain is Reds would strike their stride on the he stand and overhaul the leaders.

stand and overhaul the leaders. Herzog says he has a great team in that there is none better in the least and that such an interview picking his or team to finish below third is an outno it not only destroys the confidence of a players, but also places him in a su-bad light in Cincinnati.

bad light in Cincinnati. The fighting leader of the Reds says to he did not hear from a newspaperman us a morning paper scribe called him up a yesterday afternoon and asked him is there was to the story and wanted a ma-day story. He further states that the the only city on the National League cuit where the newspapermen never be cuit where the always from the set of the says, he has only seen four scribes in the city, yet he always has been quoted a length.

#### Didn't Pick 'Em

As to picking the Phillies and Delay to fight it out for the pennant, Herzes are that is a joke. He admits that the Phil and Dodgers have powerful teams and all be in the running, but he also says that there are two clubs he likes as well as either. He contends that six teams has an excellent chance for the pennant and a is all up to the breaks. In the future Herzog will follow Morast successful plan of 1914 and work his du plitcher in the first game of each serie After today's game with the Fhilles Tome will be saved for the opening game will Chicago and will then start of each serie for the balance of the season. With Tom back in shape, Herzog believes that the Reds will be able to get the jump on the opponents in each series, just as the Pare did last year. In the future Herzog will follow Ma

particular hoodood hovering above one Guy Morton, judging from the number of wins he already has packed away under his elastic belt.

pire Dineen, after looking over the sheltered patrons in the grand stand and ignoring

In speaking of the alleged intervier zog said: "That is the greatest faking I ever saw and it also is a injustice to me and my ball cha had even talked to a newspaperna the subject I might be able to figur he could misconstrue my meaning positively have not talked to a scrib we have been here. In the first I was not in Philadelphia Thursday and did not return until yesterday a

Take, which hurts my ball team. "What will the people in Cincinnati the when they read that Herzog has picked by Phillies and Brooklyff to fight for the pe-nant, with the Braves close up? "Where will they figure my ball team I want to say that we will be very me in the fight. I have the best allows the me the learner sizet new Year

REQUIRES only a giance at the American League averages to learn why Cleveland is out in front. Not only is the entire team batting consistently, but two men who are holding important positions in the batting order are batting at a terrific clip and neither has shown signs of slowing down. They are Graney, the lead-off man, and Tris Speaker. The former has an average of only .257, but he is the leading slugger of the league at the present time and has scored 42 runs.

Speaker is batting .394 and has tallied 44 runs, while Turner, who is hitting second, between Graney and Speaker, has scored 33 runs, although he also is far below the .300 class. Graney's long drives and his ability to get on base have given the Indians the jump on opposing teams in almost every game, as Speaker invariably comes through with a safety or some sort of a racrifice which enables the little lead-off man to score. Other members of Fohl's team following Speaker have shown unusual ability in the pinches, which accounts for the brilliant centre fielder leading the league in runs scored.

The batting of Graney and Speaker has upset Elmer Myers, Mack's star hurler, three times. While many runs were scored in each game against Myers, the clubbing of this pair started all the trouble, and they provided the clean-up wallops which sent home the runs. Just so long as Speaker and Graney keep going at their present clip the Indians are going to lead, and if they can retain their present speed for a few more weeks the pitchers and other players will have so much confidence that they will not crack, as predicted.

#### Ebbets Knows Something About Baseball, Anyway

CHARLES EBBETS, owner of the Brooklyn Club, recently gave out an interthe visiting team is at bat. In the course of the statement Ebbets said he did not cars how many old balls were kept by the fans when the Dodgers were at bat, In other words, all Ebbets wants is a distinct advantage over visiting teams instead of a fair and over break.

Ebbets' idea to criticise the fans came to him when he saw Jack Coombs lose close game to the Braves. He says that the fans kept five dark balls which had been in play, and that Coombs was compelled to pitch a brand-new ball to "Red" Smith. Two men were out at the time and it was growing dark, so dark that it was almost impossible to see a dark ball, but with the new ball in play Smith hit safely. This started a rally, and aided by the new balls (at least that is what Ebbets says), the Braves won out.

Ebbets contends that if a dark ball had remained in play the Dodgers would ve won, and asks the fans to keep dark balls when the Dodgers are batting, but to throw them out when the visitors are hitting late in the game. This is a surprising statement, and the unsportsmanlike view of the Brooklyn president will not make any new friends for the Dodgers even in Brooklyn.

George Sisler's work with the tailend Browns has been wonderful. The former University of Michigan star is batting .299, has stolen 13 bases and scored 36 runs. which is an unusual record for a newcomer playing with a team in the position of the Browns

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From New York comes the news that Benny Kauff is not well and that Ed ush was sent to centre field because of Kauff's illness; but it is being whispered that the illness is a stall, and that the leading Federal League hitter has been benched because Manager McGraw believes Roush can do better work.

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Sherwood Magee's return to the game immediately braced the Braves, and Stallings expects the team to climb rapidly. Already Magee's timely drives have won two games, while a sensational bare-hand catch with the bases full in the 11th inning of the 4 J-inning struggle with the Reds saved the game.

### CHARLEY DOOIN INJURED

Robertson is said by athletes who have

aches in America. He began coaching in

trained under him to be one of the smartest

1909, when in June of that year he took hold of the Irish-American Athletic Club,

succeeding Ernie Hjertberg. He was rec-ommended for the place by the Swedish trainer. Robertson has developed Kiviat. Alva Meyer, Pat Ryan, Frank Kaufman.

Emile Lunhi, George Brender, Kenneth Caldwall and a host of other American champions. Since he took hold of the Irish-

American team he has not lost a national track and field or cross-country champion

#### Hit Over Heart by Thrown Ball at Polo Grounds

NEW YORK, June 17 .- The fallacy of trying to outwit incipient moisture was never better illustrated yesterday than when the Giants and Cardinals hung around when the Giants and Cardinals hung around the Polo Grounds until 4 o'clock in the aft-ernoon trying to play a scheduled baseball game. Two serious incidents came up dur-ing the wait that deprived each team of a valued member. "Red" Dooin, while trying to catch a wet, slippery ball, was hit over the heart and carried to the clubhouse, where medical attention was necessary. Dooin, it was

attention was necessary. Dooin, it was said, is not seriously hurt, but probably will not be able to get into the game for several days.

#### Slim Sallee Suspended

NEW YORK, June 17.-Harry Sallee, star pitcher of the St. Louis National League Club, has been indefinitely suspended by Manager Purgeine, of the club, as the result of an alter-cation between the manager and the piever. Sallee tore up his contract during the argu-

Abel Gets Referee's Decison CHATTANOOGA. Tenn. June 17.-Jake / ef Chattanooga, won a rafere's decision Lee Kelly, of St. Lozia, at the end of rounds here issi nietit. Kelly had but round, while two were even, the raif we hele, who outboacd Kelly at all stasses, alth the latter never seemed in real danger. elght one

#### Brannigan and Chaney Draw

BALTIMORE, June IT. --Patry Branchan Itsburgh, hear-cat. and Young Chaney, Himore, fought a ratiling good 15-round re last night. The boys mixed things thro i, with the advantage to neither, and force gave it a draw.

#### **Boxing Bouts Postponed**

The open-air boxing abow of the Cambri-Athlatic Club, acheduled for last night with Johnny Nelson and Buck Floming in the wind up, could not be carried out swing to the dis agreentic weather, and it has been postpune ull Monday night.

#### Martin Quits to Uraine

ThionE, June 17.-Terry Martin, of elgins, did not have a hok-in in his bout Mine Uraine, of Washington, at the Theatre, hast night. The bout was the for six rounds, but after the Wash-lad had typed with him for four rounds, a concluded he had enough hard knocks.



#### LAWSON ROBERTSON

At a special meeting of the Track Committee of the University of Pennsylvania held today, Lawson Robertson was chosen track coach and trainor of the football team. The terms of the contract have not been decided upon. We have seen 13 reasons advanced show-ing why the Giants can't win at home. But the main reason isn't very far from thisthey don't make enough rung.

Either that, or the other club always makes too many. Which is approximately the same thing.

EXPERT TOUTS O. KIRKBY FOR NEXT NATIONAL CHAMP

#### By GRANTLAND RICE

O SWALD KIRKBY, the new metropolitan and Jersey champion, has but one golf ambition left. Jerry Travers, Walter J. Travis, Max Mars-ton. Reggie Lewis and Fred Herreshoff. And to arrive he was forced to play brilmbition left. This ambition is to make a first-class liant golf at almost every stand.

A golfer who can ravel unbeaten through fields must be ranked around the ton with owing in the next amateur championship be held at Merion, Philadelphin, in Sep-mber. As usual, there is a reason. fields must be ranked around the top with the amateur stars of the game. Yet it has failen to Kirkby's lot to have the toughest Kirkby has played some remarkable golf around New York and against very fine fields that yielded hard competition. He has won the Jersey title three times-first

failen to Kirkby's lot to have the toughest sort of luck in the amateur championships, and it is this showing in the past that he hones to crass from the slate this fall. Kirkby is now playing the best golf he has ever played, and he has furnished his share of high-grade play. He gave evi-dence of this, not only by winning two big titles, but by traveling over the Hacken-sack course in 69, tying the record, when he and Carter defeated Travers and Mars-ton in a four-ball match. In the second He has won the metropolitan title twice-To land these titles he has been called upon to beat at odd times such golfers as ton in a four-ball match. In the second place, the double titleholder intends to give this next championship his closest attention, starting at least a week before the tournament. In the third place, Merion suits Kirkby's

sivie of play well beyond the average golf-er's, as there is a call both for distance

er's, as there is a call both for distance and direction with the wood and iron. Kirkby's game has developed steadily. Always capable of brilliant play, he has now added a consistent steadiness to his game that makes him a hard opponent to dethrone. In the Jersey championship, for example, he finished but one stroke behind the leader in medal play and then won the titls. In the Metropolitan he finished again but one stroke behind the medal play winner, and again went through un-beaten. Always good from the tes and with

Always good from the tee and with long irons, Kirkby has materially improved the steadiness of his short game. He is now by of the best in the land at the chip shot "g of the best in the land at the chip shot from off the green, and is also a much bet-ter putter than he ever was before, at least from the viewpoint of steadiness on the greens, rather than brillancy. There are very few in the sport who can get as much distance from the tes, or who can eutrange him with a driving iron er midiron. And those who cay are hardly likely to be as straight down the course. So unless there is a big change and another big upset, thore will be at least one additional star at the next amateur championship who was not in the hunt at Garden City or Ekwanok or Datroit.

ougs in the two-blt section, waved his regal hand and the stuff was put on as per schedule. The players were about as happy as T. R. congratulating Hughes on Mother Is Ill

"My mother is paralyzed and I hat at seen her since before the spring bring trip, so I took the 6:25 train for Ridger Md. after Thursday's game and did at h his nomination, but the ump cared nothing for that. He was there to umpire a ball game, and he would do his duty or perish in and, after inurscays game and an action of the second seco the attempt.

Good baseball was entirely out of the question. The diamond was sloppy, the base lines muddy and it was necessary to have an attendant on the job with a towel to wipe off the ball and the bats after each swollen. "I am always willing to give the new paper boys a good story if there is a news, and I always have treated by royally, and I don't see why one sho take advantage of me and print a deliver to whee off the ball and the balls after each pitch. Toward the end whitewash was put on the bases to show the players their ex-act location. It was more of a farce than a ball game, and if Mr. Johnson is going to stand for that kind of stuff, there will be take advantage of me and team. fake, which hurts my ball team.

stand for that kind of stuff, there will be some weird stunts pulled on the American League circuit this year.

#### Colts Trimmed

Although Connie's kids were trimmed. Although Connie's kids were trimmed. they had no license to lose the game. De-troit was presented with four perfectly good runs and they were just enough to cop the combat. Charley Pick gave them three and Wally Schang the other, all of which came after wild throws. The Macks earned their three means and although a counter of heir three scores, and although a couple of boots were charged against the Tigers, they did not benefit the visitors to any great extent.

In the light, I have the bear arrows team in the league right now. We we slow starting because my great star pitchers was in poor shape, but they are in good shape now, as our games of last two weeks prove, and we will be there with the leaders in a few weeks It is another example of the luck the Praises Reds "The Phillies and Brooklyn are goed to teams, but neither is as good as mina is though they are far ahead of us. At ploking them for the pennant, nothing is ing. I believe that six teams have a run which gets the breaks, but I might av that there are two teams I like better may any mentioned in the fake interview. "After my ballplayers showed me us impress upon them that there was ment to the story. They knew that as its knew that I was in Ridgeley. Our one newspaper man has tailked to me and have been here and that was after to take had been printed. Bill Brandt on me up late vesterday afternoon for a run day story and aside from him. I have no **Praises Reds** It is another example of the luck the Athletics now are playing in. They are trailing the league and everything is break-ing against them. It is necessary to have a few of the "breaks" in order to win ball games and the other fellows always get them. Nabors pitched a wonderful game yesterday and made Dubuc look like a bush leaguer; but the wrong thing always hap-pened at the wrong time and bloole went another contest. another contest.

#### Small Roster

Small Roster Connis is going to have a good ball club before the season is over and now is weed-ing out his undesirables to make room for the crop of new players expected next week. Crowell went to Baltimore last Tuesday, and today Mack announced that Bill Stell-bauer, the outfielder purchased from Peoria, and Louis Malone, the schoolboy phenom who made such a hit the latter part of last year, had been released to St. Paul, in the American Association. They will leave for the new jobs tomorrow night. This leaves the Athletics with only 15 me up late vesterday afternoon for a day story and aside from him. I have in to no one "

This leaves the Athletics with only 15 players, the Smallest roster in the big leagues, and it gives Mack a chance to sign g P. M. Alumni parado-3 P. M. Cu hall game. If you are an old grad. and be young. If you want to as game of ball, watch the did rivals the duciding game of the series. up 10 more to keep within the American League limit. UNIVERSITY ALUMNI DAY

#### Tennis Dates Announced

NEW YORK, June 17. —The dates for tennis matches between teams representing the Pacific and Atlantic coasts have been namededy officials of the United State have been namededy officials actional. The series Neutrinoi 12 are for the west bies Club. Forcet Hills of the State of the West Saturday, August 4 and 5 and Folday and W.M. Johnston C. J. Griffink, W.E. David and Roberts The Advanced for some Teams and the samed after the Longwood (Restor) lournalized

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Where out of the blur lost voices call

The other line where the rife rings; But little the rider hears or heeds The song of hate that the shrapnel sings; The roar of battle—the curse—the shout-The crash and clamor of friend and foe— The riderless horse that wheels about

Over the shrapnel's song of death.

Into the battle the Trooper speads, Into the line where the rife rings;

And gallops past to the plains below.

from Travers, then from Max Marston.

from Herreshoff.