

DESPITE ABSENCE OF STARS THROUGH INJURIES BILL DONOVAN KEEPS CLUB IN FRONT

DONOVAN'S SHOWING UNDER SEVERE HANDICAP INDICATES RARE MANAGERIAL ABILITY

Pilot of Yankees With Crippled Team in Lead Has Convinced Most Skeptical That He Is Not a Figurehead

BILL DONOVAN just about has convinced the skeptical critics who looked upon him as a joke manager that he is a real pilot and in the future he will not be looking upon as a figurehead who cannot get along without extraordinary material.

The Yankees have not been able to get better than an even break in the last 18 games played, but as the other pennant contenders are not doing any better, with Cleveland losing a larger percentage of their games, the New Yorkers have increased their lead, rather than having it cut down.

Donovan aims to keep the Yanks within four games of first place by August 15, believing that he will win the pennant if he is able to do this. By that time both Baker and Maisei will be back in the game and it is barely possible that Gilhooly also will be available in case Donovan wants to take a chance on him.

As the Yanks have a two-game lead on the Indians, their nearest opponent at the present time, Donovan's men can afford to lose six more games than any other contender and still be no further away from first place than is figured.

Donovan Most Unlucky Manager

NO other manager in the major leagues, having possibly Mack, has been so unlucky as Donovan this season. His road has been a hard one from the time the training season opened, and just when it seemed as if he had things running smoothly, accidents began to retard his progress.

There is no denying the fact that Donovan's material was unusually good, but the task of handling such a large squad and cutting it down without making serious mistakes made the Philadelphia's task harder.

This accident to Maisei not only crippled the team because his playing ability was missed, but also because it necessitated a change in the batting order and a complete rearrangement of the system.

Ray Fisher, another dependable veteran pitcher, was taken ill soon after Caldwell was injured, but the team was moving along at a rapid clip and did not miss him.

Injuries overtake Gilhooly and Baker. While sliding to third base Frank Gilhooly broke his right leg. This accident will keep him out of the game for the rest of the season unless the bone knits faster than is expected.

Still the Yankees continued to win, but the "jinx" could not be shaken. In chasing a foul ball a few days ago, Frank Baker crashed into the stand and two ribs were broken.

Baker was slow starting this season and was carried along by the consistent batting of the rest of the team. The famous slugger finally started hitting and in the three weeks previous to the time he was injured had whaled seven home run drives and many other run producing smashes.

The climax was reached on Tuesday when Nick Cullip, the brilliant young southpaw from the Federal League, tore a muscle in his side and will be unable to pitch for at least two weeks.

Caldwell also was injured in this game, but the injury will not keep him out of the game long, though it may throw him off his stride.

Weeghman Is Mad for Publicity

WHEN will the magnates learn to keep their business to themselves? Baseball suffered for a long time because the magnates talked money too much and it was believed that they had learned their lesson, but such is not the case.

What we are trying to find out is what do the fans care about the price paid for Wortman and also if Weeghman believes that the fans will take him at his word when he says he paid more than \$22,500 for the Kansas City youngster.

Wortman is a fairly good ball player and surely is worthy of a major league trial, but scouts who have watched him closely, including Harry Davis and Ira Thomas, declare that it is extremely doubtful if he will make good.

Perhaps Weeghman intends to pay off the \$22,500 in players whose "iron-clad" contracts he would like to rid himself of, but so far as paying that much in real money, few fans will believe it.

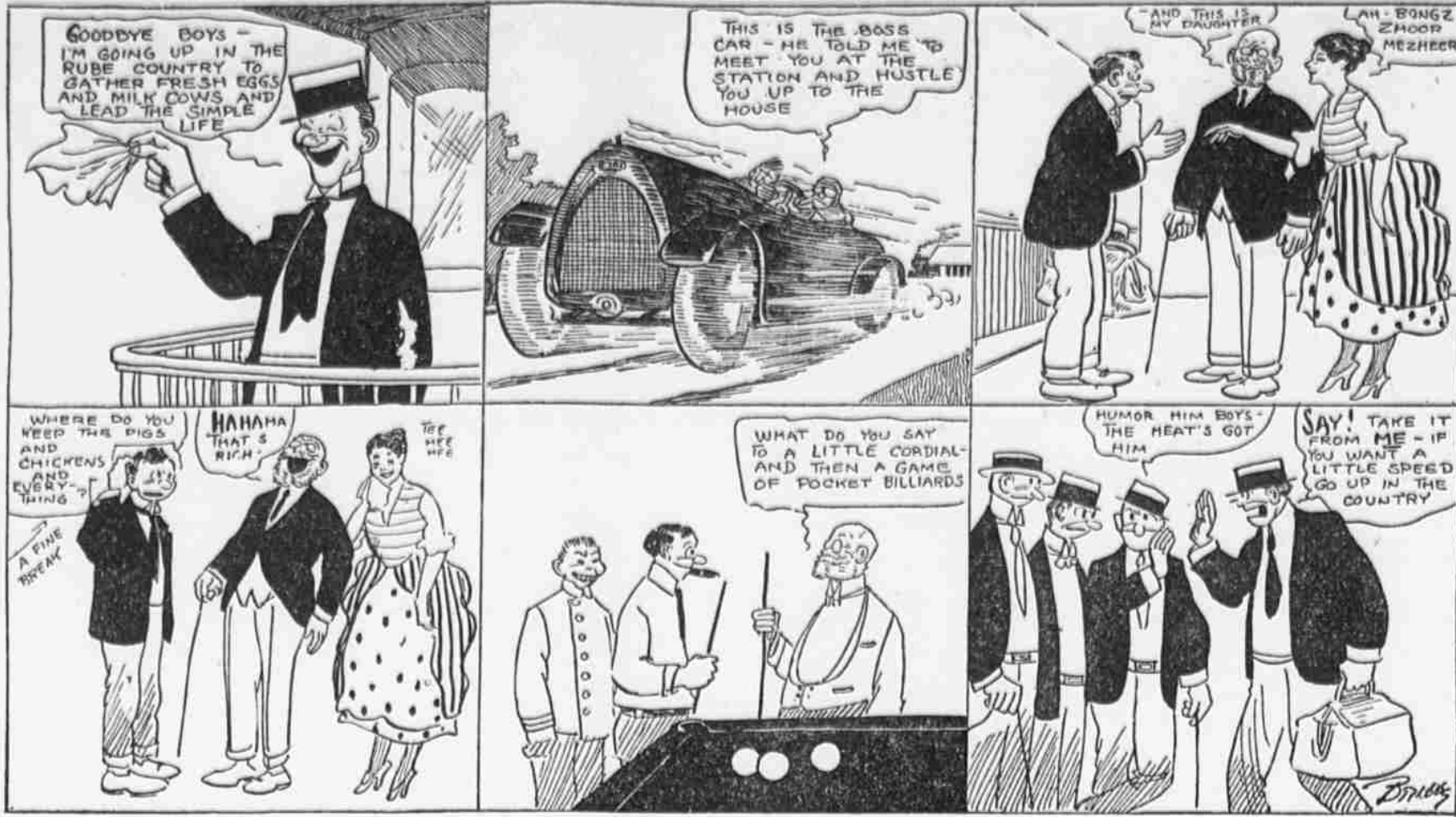
Witt crossed Cleveland outfielders. "WHITES" WITT'S sudden switch in batting form has the opposing outfielders at sea. Early in the season Witt was hitting on the left side of the diamond almost entirely and the centre fielders played him accordingly.

Yesterday Speaker was playing in left centre when Witt smashed his first triple between Tris and Roth. When Witt came up to the plate again Speaker switched over to dead centre, but Witt crossed him again by pulling the ball around further and another triple resulted.

Brooklyn's double defeat at the hands of the Pirates yesterday will have a disastrous effect on the league leaders. Brooklyn has at last struck the expected hot slump and unless the pitchers show better form than is likely the Dodgers will not hold their lead very long after returning home.

Garry Herrmann is a generous sort of a fellow. All he asked of the Braves for Herzog was Maranville, Wilhoit and a pitcher. Strange that he did not include Sherwood Magee, Evers and Hughes.

YOU WON'T BELIEVE IT UNTIL YOU SEE FOR YOURSELF



HERZOG FAVORED PHILS, BUT GIANTS' OFFER WAS BETTER

When McGraw Needs Players League Always Comes to His Assistance

CHICAGO ALSO BIDDING

By CHANDLER D. RICHTER With the Yankees playing brilliant ball despite numerous accidents, and the fans wildly excited about Donovan's team, the National League feels that it should also have a winner in New York.

Other National League teams which are out of the race are only too glad to help the Phils, because a winning team in the metropolis means a great deal of money to every team in the league, and that is why McGraw always has been able to go out and buy star players in midseason.

Three days ago Manager Moran could have had Herzog for the asking, but since Manager McGraw, of the Giants, has talked to the Cincinnati manager it is certain that the brilliant infielder will be a member of the Giants.

As soon as the Phillies arrived in Cincinnati, Moran got in touch with Herzog, who informed him that while he would rather play with the Phils than any team in the league, the New York club had made him a proposition which he could not afford to turn down and which he knew Moran could not equal.

No doubt an equal offer from Moran, so far as salary is concerned, would have landed Herzog, but the Phillies, with a championship team, cannot be blamed for not meeting Herzog's terms.

Instead of harming Herzog, his failure as a manager in Cincinnati really has aided him. With five clubs bidding for his services, Herzog will be able to get a new contract calling for even more money than he received to manage the Reds and he will not be burdened with the responsibility.

It is the same old story. National League clubs, to win the pennant or beat out the Giants, must develop their own players and depend upon perfect teamwork and the breaks. The New York club has more money to spend for players, is aided by other clubs when it needs players and all the other owners like to see the Giants near the top, because it means money for the entire league.

Harry Davis returned from a lengthy scouting trip, in which he covered the American Association, Southwestern, Central, Three-Eye and Western Leagues. The Mack lieutenant would not say just what he learned for the Athletics, but declared that he was very well satisfied with the result of the trip.

While away Davis saw "Chuck" Wortman, the Kansas City shortstop, for whom the Cubs are supposed to have paid more than the Pirates gave up for Marty O'Toole. Davis says that he does not believe the Cubs paid anywhere near what is claimed, and that if they did they paid about \$18,000 more than he is worth.

The veteran Mackman, who is one of the best judges in the game of young talent, says that Wortman is a smooth talker, but that he looks like a poor hitter, and is not fast enough to be of much value to a major league club.

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RICE SIMPLY CAN'T SEE HOW BOSTON WILL BE DEPRIVED OF AN ENTRY IN WORLD'S SERIES

With Braves and Red Sox Now Playing Fine Ball, 'Twill Be Hard to Keep One or Both Out of October Classic

By GRANTLAND RICE

"WHAT chance is there," asks a Boston fan, "for this eminent city to be represented in the next world series?" An exceedingly healthy one, we should say. On the other wing or paw there are the Red Sox. On the other paw or wing, there are the Braves. There is the chance, of course, that both may win. There is an even better chance that one or the other will arrive.

The Braves just at present have only two clubs to grapple with. The Red Sox have at least five rivals. Therefore, the Braves have a better chance than the Red Sox.

The Red Sox, plus Tris Speaker this season, would have the American League race already packed away. But even without Speaker that pitching staff makes the club a stout and robust contender.

With two such clubs around, there is a very striking possibility that Boston will horn into the world series meale one way or another; or by one league or another.

Walsh, Brown, Mathewson—one by one—and the wonder is that baseball looks to be anything like the same.

"I've had a hard time getting started this season," says Ty Cobb, who is now batting .350. We know one or two earnest athletes who would be glad to stop there.

One Way Out. It was an ancient golfer and he stoppeth one of three. "You should have seen my mashie shot upon the tenth," said he. "You should have seen my smashing drive"—but crowded her at bay, I pushed him underneath a train and sent upon my way.

It might also be noted that the paths of glory lead but to the cartoon.

The good die young. It is about their only chance to remain good.

The Proverbs of a Fool. The wise man saith in the weight of

Scraps About Scappers. By LOUIS H. JAFFE

Fred Douglas has "come back" again. Once more he is connected with the boxing game. This time as mat-man, and referee at the same time. Fred has arranged two professional six-round scraps in addition to the regular amateur bouts for tomorrow night. The pro program is Pete Howell vs. Charley Hauber and Joe Dorsey vs. Hattine Murray.

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PHILADELPHIA IS POLO WINNER FOR BLIZZARD CUPS

Quaker City Four Defeats Rockaway in Final Match for Trophies

SCORE IS CLOSE, 15 TO 13

NEW YORK, July 20.—In the final polo match for the Blizzard Cups at the Rockaway Hunt Club yesterday, the visiting Philadelphia team defeated Rockaway by the close score of 15 goals to 13.

Philadelphia, although conceding seven goals by handicap, led by a wide margin until the home four rallied. The bad condition of the turf prevented a very fast game, and tired both the riders and the mounts quickly.

At half score, Philadelphia had earned six goals to one for Rockaway. The latter had rallied in the third period, but was unable to stem the tide of defeat.

Philadelphia playing to win, steadily beat down the defense of the home four, and the game was made additionally slow owing to the blocking tactics employed by both sides.

E. L. Stokes was the mainstay of Philadelphia throughout and put in his best work in the fifth period, when he scored three times. During this period C. P. Dixon, 2d, was thrown and barely escaped being caught under his mount. The pony was up instantly and, riderless, dashed up to the other end of the field, where he was cornered by attendants. The summary:

PHILADELPHIA. Hipoc. I. A. M. Collins... 4 J. C. L. Leonard... 0 J. E. Stokes... 3 C. P. Dixon... 3 R. H. Stokes... 7 S. C. P. Dixon... 1 Home 4. For Rockaway: 5 Back E. W. Leonard 0 Total... 17 Total... 19 Philadelphia, goals earned, 15. Rockaway, goals earned, 6; by handicap, 7; total, 13.

For Philadelphia—W. B. Stokes, 4; E. L. Stokes, 9; R. H. Strawbridge, 3; A. M. Collins, 2. For Rockaway—C. L. Leonard, 4; R. LaMontagne, 2; penalties, none. Referee—B. Gatins. Timer and scorer—Albert Hunter.

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ADROIT TENNIS PLAYER ISSUES TEN-GAME DEF

Rowland, Belfield 'Veteran,' Sends Out Sweeping Challenge to Sportsmen

"DOC" HAWK STILL STRONG

There is a man in our town who challenges any one in the world, save perhaps Jim Thorpe and Howard Berry, to meet him in any 10 games the two may select. He is none other than our old friend, Bill Rowland, of Belfield, who was bitten badly by the tennis bug many, many years ago and still feels the effects of the sting.

When reminded of his sweeping challenge, Rowland reduced his territory somewhat so that it would at least take in the Plymouth Country Club, where the Schuykill Valley tennis championships are in progress.

It all came about when Rowland was chinning with Norman Swayne over their respective abilities as tennis players. Every one knew that "Bill" was joking, which is nothing new for him, when he intimated that he and his partner could beat Swayne and his partner at doubles. So when the argument got pretty warm for Rowland he brought up the 10-game subject.

Swayne Makes Selection. Swayne selected tennis, checkers, chess, throwing a baseball for distance and quoits, and Rowland's five games were pool, billiards, golf, boxing and two-handed pinocle. So some day the twain will take about a game usually referred to as "steady."

It might be said in passing that Rowland is a shark at pool and billiards, plays golf twice a year, cuts quite a dash a number of years ago as an amateur boxer, and is a wizard at pinocle. On the other hand, the studious Swayne will take anybody on at checkers and chess, holds many tennis titles, pitches horseshoes almost as well as the bunch in back of the blacksmith shop at the crossroads and in his palmy days was a good ball player.

So it is likely that each will default to the other in the five games each selected, and call it a draw. Which brings the argument back to the starting point, where all arguments finally land.

"Doc" Hawk Not a Has-Been. There are but few tennis players of the old school who still are able to hold their own with the dashing, smashing tactics of the younger generation. But Dr. P. B. Hawk is one of them. Hawk plays the kind of a game usually referred to as "steady" in the daily press, and many times he simply wears out younger players who put every thing they have into every stroke.

Doctor Hawk is making a strong bid for a second leg on the Schuykill Valley singles cup. If everything goes according to the way it has been hoped for he will tackle Swayne in the semifinals, and then W. T. Tilden, 2d, present holder of the trophy, in the final, provided, of course, he beats Swayne in the penultimate.

Dr. Hawk is the headmaster of the Hill School at Pottstown, believes that the tennis stroke which is not played in perfect form is a stroke thrown away. Meigs plays in better form than any player in these parts. His every move is a study in grace and ease of execution. And he gets there, too. He gave Tilden the match of his life in the fourth round at Norristown, beating the titleholder in the third set, 5-1, and 3-0. Only a remarkable rally enabled Tilden to pull through against such tremendous odds.

GERMANTOWN VICTOR OVER BELFIELD IN CLUB TENNIS. Other Matches in Tournament Competition Are Postponed

Both matches in the first division of the Interclub Tennis League, Germantown vs. Philadelphia and Belfield vs. Germantown, were postponed yesterday because of the number of players from each club competing in the Schuykill Valley tournament at the Plymouth Country Club. The second division match between Germantown and Philadelphia was postponed for the same reason. The only match played yesterday was between Belfield and Germantown at Manheim. In the second division, Germantown won four matches and Philadelphia won two. In the first division, Germantown won two matches and Philadelphia won one. The winners of the four matches were: Germantown vs. Philadelphia, 2-1; Germantown vs. Belfield, 2-0; Germantown vs. Philadelphia, 2-0; Germantown vs. Philadelphia, 2-0.

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