## UMPIRE "BILLY" EVANS IS SURELY GOING BACK—HE ONLY CAN READ SIGN 100 YARDS AWAY

### BILL EVANS' SIGHT GOES BAD WHEN READING AT 100 YARDS; HE FALLS DOWN ON EYE TEST

American League Umpire Fails to Equal Charley Rigler's Record in Optical Work, But He Should Worry

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

hard day's work. William G .- affectionately called "Bill" and other names by the ball players-had just finished a double-

header, saw the Athleties play according to their old-time form and staggered into his dressing room to get a much-needed rest.

Bill was sitting on a low stool before his locker when we burst in on the scene... 'How was the game -I mean games?"

ventured. "Have any trouble? Pull any boners during the after-Some Inside Stuff

You know, it's great to get clubby with the ump after the game and allow him to slip you some inside dope. As a rule, um-pires are the most perfect persons in the world, so we noted the effect of our terribly direct question and anxiously awaited the

"Mistakes?" queried Evans as he looked up, "Guess I pulled a couple, but I got away with them. You gotta make mistakes or you're not a good umpire. Why shouldn't you miss one now and then? Take a ball player, for example. If he has a dozen player, for example. If he has a dozen chances in the field and boots one the papers come out the next day and call him a hero. His mistake is overlooked. But take the case of the umpire. Suppose he boots one. Everybody roars for his life. Applause is unknown to him. The best he gets is silence.

Some More Dope

"Don't think I am offering any alibis, because I am not. I am just trying to show you the difference between the work of an umpire and a player. Ten chances during a game, outside of the first baseman, is considered a good day's work. How many chances do the arbiters have? In an average game we'll say that 60 batters come up—that is, on both sides. In-cluding balls, strikes and fouls, five balls are pitched to each batter. That totals 200—a conservative estimate. Then take the decisions on the bases. Perhaps there 50, which brings the total to 350,

"Now, just figure it out for yourself. Three hundred and fifty chances in one game! And what happens when one is missed? You know the answer. Why, the fans would shriek with joy if they could have us shot at sunrise or chase us out of the lot. They call us blind men and things like that, but we should worry. We do the best we can and leave the rest of it to the fairness of the fans—and the fans are not so bad as they are painted." fans are not so bad as they are painted."

Bill then donned his light suit of clothes

—he wears a dark one when things break badly and he has to leave the park under cover of darkness—walked out in the open. jumped into a waiting automobile and was whizzed to his hotel.

Eleven Years an Umpire

Evans is considered the best umpire in the American League and never has trouble on the field. He is respected by players and fans alike, and his decisions seldon are questioned. Bill broke into the league in 1906 when he was a more child, and after 11 years of service is the youngest and also the oldest—in experience—on the circuit.

Bill's remark about being called a blind man recalled to us an experience of his about six years ago, when the young um-pire really thought his eyesight was afbloole stuff. This is how it happened: In 1910 Chubby Charles Murphy, of the

Cubs, unleashed a vitriolic verbal broad-side against umpires of the past, present and future, called them everything he could think of, including blind old ladies, and demanded that each and every arbiter in the National League be examined by an expert oculist. This caused quite a stir in baseball circles, and Tom Lynch, who then was president, notified all of the umpires on the staff to be tested immediately and at

Enter Charley Rigler

About this time Charley Rigier, who al-ways plays things safe, was coaching the baseball team at the University of Virginia. He received notice and acted on the spot. He went to an oculist in Charlottesville and asked how they tested eyes. He was told that the patient stood about 5 feet from a card and read the letters

"What kind of a card do they use?"

asked Charlie.

"This is the one," replied the oculist, as he pulled one off the shelf.

Rigier purchased it, took it home and

studied it religiously until he knew every letter by heart, from the big ones at the top to the fine print at the bottom. Needless to say he passed the test. Now we bring Bill Evans back into the scenario.

The Plot Thickens

About a month later Rigler was walking down the street in Cleveland and stopped before a store window. There was a nice blue suit on display and it looked like an

blue suit on display and it looked like an ideal umpire's uniform. Charley looked it over, noticed the bilt, the two buttons on the coat and, best of all, the pice—\$16.50. Then he started walking again.

He traveled about two squares when he ran into Evans. You know, Bill and Charley vote in the same precinct.

"Hello, Bill!" halled the representative of the National Less. e. "Glad to see you. Just get back from Washington, where I had my eyes examined. Specialist said they were O. K. Had yours examined yet?"

"Nothing like that in our circuit," an-"Nothing like that in our circuit." answered Evans. "Ban doesn't believe in those 'nut' ideas. My eyes are all to the good, anyway."

"Glad to hear it." retorted Rigler. Then booked at the store window he had just it, which was three squares away, and

"See that store? The one with the yellow front. What do you think of the suit in there? Great for umpiring. See it?" Bill Is Suspicious

"Hey, what are you trying to pull on me?" Bill said, disgustedly. "See the suit? Why, I can hardly see the store. Do you mean to tail me that your eyes are so good that you can see somsthing in the win-

"Surest thing you know," replied Charley.
"It's a blue suit"—and he looked more intently—"with a belt, two buttons on the coat and"—business of looking some more—"it costs only \$15.50. I can see the tag."

Can you imagine a person standing at 11th and Chostnut street and describing the contents of one of Wanamaker's windows? Well, Evans thought the same thing, but, to make sure, he suggested that they take a walk past the store and take a look.

When he found that Righer had the right dope and the suit was exactly as he described it. Bill couldn't believe his eyes and grow werried. Charley sympathized with him, however, told him not to take it so hard, but have his option examined as soon as posmible.

Bill said nothing as they resumed walk-ing, but he was thinking prefty hard. Sud-denly they surned into an arcade, which was 200 feet long—100 yards—and Charley.

WILLIAM G. EVANS, the American pointed to a white blur in a window at the pointed to a white blur in a window at the pointed day's work. William G. Swetten 100 yards away. They Meet the Sign

"See that sign?" he asked. "Get that white sign in that window? It's an eye testing card. Can you read the letters on it?"

"Aw, cut out the comedy," said Bill. "You put one over on me when you pulled that stuff about the suif, but don't kid me along with this stuff. I don't know what the sign is, and you don't either. If there are any letters on it, you couldn't see them without a telescope. What's the idea?"

Righer turned and looked at his companion and was a picture of despair. Tears came to his eyes when he said:

"Bill, do you mean to tell me that you can't read that card? Tell me the truth. Can't you read it? Your eyes cannot be as bad as that. Look at it closely. Can't you see anything?"

"Niz, now," shouted Evans. Don't try to get my goat. Of course I can't see it. I suppose you are a wise guy and can read every one of them. Don't try to feel me. I'll bet you \$25 to \$5 that you can't even read the first line!"

read the first line !"

"I don't lik: to take your money," sighed Charley, "but it seems the only way to show you how bad your eyes are. Are you ready? Get a pencil and paper and take down the letters as I call them off."

Reads the Letters

Charles started in at the top and rattled off the A. C. Q. R. P. X. L on the top and continued until he finished with the small type at the bottom, which was about one sixteenth of an inch high—at 100 yards. Evans smiled as they walked to the win-dow to compare the notes, but his smile faded when he saw that every letter was perfect. He looked queerly at his com-panion, compared the letters again and shook his head. Bill really thought he was going blind and was wondering what kind of work he would have to do when Ban Johnson learned that he couldn't see. Rig-

ler sympathized with him, told him that a couple of months in a dark room would cure him, but Evans refused to be cheered up.

They walked back to the spot where Charley stood when he read off the letters, when the National League umpire again stopped him.

"I'd just like to show you how good my eyes are," he said, as he turned his back to the card and took a small mirror out of his pocket. "I'll read the letters with my back turned and use this looking glass. Take out your paper and see if I get them

had troubles of his own, but he took out the paper and checked him up. Again Rigler was right.

"I'll read them backwards," said the keen-eyed expert. "How about it?"

Uses Reverse English He read them backwards, and Evans looked like a man about to jump off the dock. He put his hand in his pocket and slowly counted out \$25. "You win," he said sadly. "My eyes are

in terrible shape. I guess it's me for two months in the dark room. Things certainly are breaking tough for me. Gee, you're a lucky guy!"

"Wait a minute, before you pay me," an-swered Rigler, "I want to show you some-thing else. Get out your paper again." Then he turned his back, shut his eyes and rattled off the letters without a hitch, Evans looked at him, spellbound. His eyes were almost popping out of his head and his mouth opened in amazement. Then he laughed, slapped Rigler on the back and shouted:

'It's a toke! It's a toke! worried, though. Take the 25 bucks. You deserve to win."

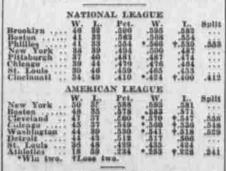
"Put away your money," carelessly re-torted Charles. "I learned that stuff when I was in college. Charley Murphy has nothing on me. Buy me some lunch and we'll call it square. Examine the umpires' eyes? Say, ain't that an awful joke?"

Runs Scored This Week by Major League Clubs

DUNS scored by all teams in American and National Leagues from Thursday, July 13, to Wednesday, July 19, inclusive. Only runs that figure in official averages are included. Scores of incomplete games are not counted, but the scores of games of five innings or more are included in the table: AMERICAN LEAGUE.



WHAT MAY HAPPEN IN BASEBALL TODAY



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YESTERDAY'S RESULTS AMERICAN LEAGUE.

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RACE TONIGHT AT POINT BREEZE



## CARMAN FAVORITE IN Delaware health resort. They will strive to bring home the Buckwood trophy, offered to the winner of the first sixteen, and the last leg of which is held by B. Warren Corkran, one of the most elite of all the golfers in the United States. He is allowed only three strakes.

American Champion Will Have Worthy Competition in Didier and Wiley

# **40-MILE RACE TONIGHT**

With good weather tonight the bike fans of Philadelphia will have a chance to wit. ness the greatest race held at the Point Breeze Motordrome this season, Clarence Carman, the American champion; Leon Didler, the French champion, and George Wiley, the speedy little rider of Syracuse, will face the starter's gun for the 40-mile match race behind motors.

those in the second flight. A gold medal goes to the golfer turning in the best card has been hanging fire for some time and the outcome of a challenge issued by Didler to race any American rider on the Most of the expert local golfers are in the going so much so that there has been a general shift of the local golf encamplocal track. Each man has selected his own pacemaker. Carman has been installed favorite, owing to his sensational ride two weeks ago when he broke the 50-mile record by nearly two minutes. But many figure Wiley and Didler have an even chance, owing to the fact that their pace-makers, Stein and Moren, are wonders at MILWAUKEE, Wis., July 20.—James Blue-jacket, Indian pitcher, recently sold to the Cin-cinnati Nationals by the Bloomington, Ill., Three I team, and subsequently sent back to them, has been turned over to the Milwaukee American Association team on a conditional agreement, According to word received here, Bluejacket, it is said, refused to return to the Bloomington club. the pacing game and will outjockey Hunter, who has Carman in charge, and there is almost as much interest centred on the pacemakers as there is on the speed kings.

This is the \$1500 sweepstake race that

## NEWSPAPER GOLF ASSOCIATION AGITATED BY LOCAL SCRIBES AS OUTLET FOR EXCESS PEP

For Improvement of Game and Freedom of Slaves From Starving Copy Desk

tournament which began today and lasts

The city officials found it something of a comfort to get away from the hornet's nest of raids, shake-ups and so forth that have been agitating the official circles for the last few days and take out their enthu-

siasm on an innocent golf ball in the

States. He is allowed only three strokes in national circles. Corkran will not defend his title this year because he is too busy defending the gringo-bitten meas down along the border as a member of the National Guard.

A very fast field teed off today for the teachy and a splexided brand of golf was

trophy, and a splendid brand of golf was shown the natives and summer folks. There will be three sixteens, beaten eights and

golf enough over the leautiful course to satisfy all those that full to qualify in one or another of the division.

of the qualifying round today.

ment to the Riverside links.

The Binnekill trophy is contested for by

Bluejacket Goes to Milwaukee Club

By SANDY McNIBLICK

GOLF scribes, ordinary writers, assistant city editors and other members of the great journalistic public have been agitating the question for some days as to the possibilities of a local newspaper golf association. The new body would be in line with similar ones in other large metropolii and

ping up like mushrooms among large business organizations. One of the objects of the new club as proposed will be to give the "molders of public opinion," by physical contact, a keen appreciation of the thrills, the harassment of soul and the heart throbs to be ex-

will be on the same principle as those crop-

tracted from the game of golf. Another purpose will be to keep the fol-lowers of crime and the grinding presses out of dark haunts and to bring them into the great outdoors where they can enjoy healthful recreation.

Many newspaper men have expressed a desire to take a "crack" at the game that is steadily riding in on the tide of popular favor, and threatens to oust baseball and all the other small-time sports as the national pastime.

There are scores of newspaper men in this city that have already taken a hand at golf, and these are the ones that are making the most commotion for the club. The main purpose of such a club, as in any business golf association, will be to promote good fellowship and intimate acquaintance. It will offer much in the way of sociability.

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It is proposed to hold tournaments on all two of the holidays offered newspaper men. Christmas and the Fourth of July. There will be handicap play in slack hours and planty of chance for sociable rounds with members. The course of one of the local clubs will be open to the members for one day, and it is expected that several other clubs will be equally generous. More than a score of newspaper men at the present time play regularly over the Cobb's Creek caurse, and it is thought the membership of the proposed club will speedily climb to the century mark.

The New York New-paper Golf Associations

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The New York New-papet Golf Association has a mambership of 800, and has reached such strength that it is able to offer \$1000 in prizes for the open tourney which ended yesterday over the public links of the Gotham town. Some first-class golfers have been developed in the club, and he whole of the field has been drawn together in a splendid way, according to several members there, by the organization. It is always possible to get a partner at any time and members find that golf was the missing links, so to speak, of a perfect day.

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The agitators of the proposed Quaker City Club are planning to hold a meeting in the near future. Those inferented can be the near future those inferented can be taken particulars by mail from the writer.

Among the source of newspaper solfers

Tomorrow's Tournaments and Today's Tee Talk

Handleap medal play, 18 holes, for women at the Woodbury Country Club.
Frivileze of the Merion Golf Club links extended to all members of the Women's Golf Association tomorrow.
Annual invitation tournament for the Backwood Trophy, at Shawnee-on-the-Delaware. ware.
Amateur championship of the Western Golf Association, semifinare, at the Del Monte Golf and Country Club, Del Monte, Cal. Bringing the right hand well into the shot is the way Benny Sayers, famous golf in-structor of royality, recommends for many gulfers to get more distance in their shots.

The over-seas pro now at Merion for the summer thinks there are too many players who depend on the left hand for the power of the swing.

Same players are so strong in the right hand in comparison with the left that it is necessary for them to neutralize the strength by an overlauping srip. Flenty of goifers depend on the left hand and don't get any strengty, in the right hand, which Sayers says is the real propeller. An entirely left-hand shot is nothing mere or less than the backhand stroke of tennis.

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playing at the game, some are good and some are otherwise.

A new record was hung up yesterday, it is alleged, at Cobb's creek for the first nine holes. The author of the card was so exhausted after his effort supreme that he was unable to finish the other nine holes. The first "real" record set up among morning newspaper men for the first nine holes was held by Jimmie Isanninger, with a 71.

This speadily fell before the deadly eye This speedily fell before the deadly eye of "Doc" Shell, who holed out the first lap in the brilliant figures of 68. But it

tained for Bill Brandt to show who was He took his good kit in hand, tucked in his tie and just naturally knocked them all dead with a blinding 66. Brandt accepted the congratulations of his friends mod-

estly. "I was not at my best," he said, with a wave of his hand. "I solemnly believe that I can lower even my own figures, invincible as they may seem."

How the big-framed teacher from White-marsh feels on the subject is doubtful, of course, but there is little doubt but that Jim Barnes, popular pre, would rather have won the Metropolitan title last week than the huge purse, toward winning which he contributed 276 strokes yesterday in the newspaper tourney at New York. The fields were practically the same. The purse was twice as large yesterday as in the first eyent, but the title in the latter would have gone a remarkably long way.

Barnes' score of 67-68-67-13-276 is the

**BIG SHOOT EVENT** 

AT HOLMESBURG

MISSED THIRTY-FIRST BIRD

Former State Champion

Smashes 99 Out of a Possible 100 Targets

**NEWCOMB WINS** 

HOLMESBURG JUNCTION, Pa., July 20.—Charles H. Newcomb, ex-Pennsylvania State champion and the present national interstate amateur champion, showed a flash of his 1915 form this morning, and won the Eastern Overture, a new event, at 100 targets, on the Eastern Trapshooting Tournament program. Newcomb broke 69 targets, missing on his 31st target, and

then ran 69 straight to victory. Though victory perched on Newcomb's banner, his score was not the highest of the event, for Frank Huseman, a Washington (D. C.) proféssional, ran 100 straight, the first perfect score in any event this week. The shooters were all keyed up for the Eastern Handigap and the shooting was the

EASTERN OVERTURE

## BEEBE ON MOUND AGAINST ATHLETICS

Sheehan Mack's Choice to Hurl First Contest With Cleveland Club

CLEVELAND Graney, If Wambaganse, 7b Speaker, ef Roth, rf Gandil, 1b Chapman, se Turner, 3b O'Neill, c Beebe, p Umpires-Chill and Evans.

By CHANDLER D. RICHTER SHIBE PARK. Philadelphia, Pa., July 26.—Fred Beebe made his first appearance in this city since he was a member of the Phillies in 1911, when he went to the mound for the Cleveland against the Athletics in the first game of today's double-header. Beebe was sent to Buffalo by the Phillies as part payment for Catcher Bill Killefer. He remained in the International League for four years and was a free agent when for four years and was a free agent when Cisveland picked up a few weeks ago. Beebe has pitched spiendid bail since his re-entry into the major league. Shechan started for the Athletics.

FIRST INNING. FIRST INNING.

Graney walked. Wamby sacrificed. Sheehan to McInnis. Speaker heat out a hit to Witt. Roth hit to McEiwee, and Graney was thrown out at the plate, McEiwee to Meyer to McEiwee to Sheehan. Gundii out. McInnis to Sheehan. No runs, one hit, no errors.

Witt was easy for Wambsganss and Gandii. Walsh walked, but died stonling. O'Neill to Chapman. Strunk raised an easy foul to Turner. No runs, no hits, no errors.

Stachle Wins Amateur Cycle Title NEWARN, July 20.—John L. Stachle, of the Bary View Wheelmen, Newark, clinched the ma-tional amateur cycling championable at the Velodreme last night. Stachle led Tom Reise, of the Union Sportwa Italians, New York, Ed-ward J. Carroll, Oakland, Cal., and Srio Patta, Germany, over the lage in the order named, winning in a close failed.

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Illness May Cause Linesman's Permanent Retirement From Game

NEW HAVEN, Conn., July 20.— Tale football men have learned with regret that Kirkpatrick, star linesman of the Yale freshman team last fall, who was sure of a place on the varsity this year, will be lost to the Yale eleven for this season, and probably permanently, because of ill health. This news came as a great surprise, as Kirkpatrick was apparently one of the huskiest men in the university.

The loss of Kirkpatrick will be particu-

larly severe in that two other lines are gone from the Yale squad because of the departure of the Yale battery for Tobyhanian. Before they went off officers privately told inquirers that there was no chance that the battery would be back in time for the football season. The football men who are members of the battery are Chub Sheidon, for two years guard on the team, and Jim Braden, star tackle and end of the inclinities will attack be seen as a season of the land of the inclinities will attack be seen as a season of the season. Football practice will start here Septem

Fred Brand Wins Open Golf Title



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