MORAN'S MEN HAVE HAD A SUCCESSFUL TRIP, GAINING ON LEAGUE-LEADING DODGERS

PHILLIES' GREAT COME-BACK SURPRISES CRITICS, AND TEAM NOW IS FAVORITE FOR FLAG

'Alexander's Brilliant Pitching and Clever Team Play of Champions Cause Rival Managers to Change Opinion

WHEN the Phillies departed for the West there was a feeling among the fans that Moran's champions were likely to be eliminated from the pennant race before they returned to this city. This belief was based upon the fact that Alexander the Great apparently had struck a slump and the slugging Cravath was in poor physical condition and had failed to strike his batting stride on the home stand. But once again Moran fooled the critics.

Instead of going to pieces in the West, the Phils came back with a vengeance, winning 7 out of 12 games, and with Brooklyn skidding rapidly, it would not be surprising if the champions aren't in first place before another week has passed. Once in first place so late in the season, the Phillies will be a mighty hard team

It is reasonably certain that Moran's men will hit better in the closing days of the race, with the majority of the games scheduled at home, and with better hitting from one or two men who were breaking up games this time a year ago, the Phillies are likely to be very much stronger. Cravath has been given a long rest. His legs are in excellent condition again and there is every reason to believe that his long-distance hitting will prove an Enmense help to the Phils on the long home stand which starts Tuesday.

Alexander has proved beyond doubt that he is just as good, and perhaps a triffe better, than he was at this time last season. Instead of becoming discouraged at the three successive defeats and the erratic work of his teammates, Alexander buckled down to his work and is now off on another winning streak.

Alexander Pitching Wonderful Ball

AFTER being beaten in Boston, Alexander pitched the opening game of the Western trip in St. Louis and won a great pitchers' battle from Lee Meadows by the score of 1 to 0. The Cardinals got only six hits off the Nebraskan and only one man reached third base. Alexander also opened the series against the Cubs, and again gave the Phillies the edge by defeating Lavender in another pitchers' duel, the final score being 2 to 1. In this game the Cubs' only run was due to a fumbled by Dave Bancroft.

The value of working Alexander in the opening game of each series, as advocated in these columns when Moran departed from his old custom, was brought out stronger in the first game of the series with both Pittsburgh and Cincinnati. The Pirates were shut out with four hits, while the Reds were blanked with only two. In his last game, which was against the Reds, Alexander permitted only three men to reach first base, and only one got beyond that station.

In four sames in the West Alexander has allowed one run in 26 innings. that being due to an error, and has been found for 15 hits, an average of less than four to a game. This wonderful exhibition of pitching proves conclusively that the king pitcher of the National League is stronger than ever and is in grand shape for a driving finish.

The presence of "Chief" Bender on the pitching staff has enabled Moran to keep Alexander out of the "bull pen," which, in baseball parlance, means the warming-up pit, and he is stronger than ever before at this time. Whereas the star hurlers of both the Boston and Brooklyn staffs are in bad shape from overwork, Alexander is just as fresh as when the season opened, and is ready to go to the mound every other day for a few weeks whenever Moran says the word.

Hughes and Pfeffer Are Slowing Down

NLESS Dick Rudolph can round into shape, the Phils' most dangerous contender will be weakened almost 25 per cent. Rudolph is absolutely necessary to the Braves at this time, as Tom Hughes is at last showing the effect of the daily relief duty grind he has been subjected to, and it is said that he has lost a great deal of his "stuff" within the last two weeks. Hughes is not physically fit to stand a hard grind, and Stallings hoped to save him for the stretch, but Rudolph's failure to show his 1914 and 1915 form made it necessary for the Boston leader to overwork him.

Jeff Pfeffer, the star of the Brooklyn staff, also is showing signs of overwork, although this giant needs only a few days' rest to bring him back. Pfeffer is powerfully built and is a youngster and is likely to get back into his winning stride again. But Brooklyn needs more than Pfeffer to keep it at the top, as the other pitchers are inconsistent and the Dodgers have at last struck the expected batting slump.

It behooves Manager Moran to get Chalmers or Mayer working as they should or to place this pair of 1915 dependables on the shelf for the rest of the season, as too many games have been lost already because Moran insists on sending them to the mound in hopes that they might get away with a lucky victory, which would give them confidence. Lack of confidence has been the great trouble with both Mayer and Chalmers. Just why either should lack confidence is a mystery; but such is the case, and the season has reached a point where it is poor judgment to take a chance on pitchers who are in this condition,

Mack Made Some Progress on Disastrous Home Stand

but it cannot be said that the time has been wasted, as Mack has made some progress in his reconstruction plans. He has not done as well as he expected to do, owing to the poor condition of several highly touted youngsters when they reported, but during the home stand Mack has discovered two or three excellent prospects and also has managed to weed out his squad.

The greatest disappointment has been Lawry; but this youngster is ill and really should not have been sent into the game. The highly touted Maine lad has played well in the field and showed wonderful speed, but has looked very bad at the bat. In the field Lawry handles the ball well, and has only one fault. He allows the ball to play him, instead of coming up for it. All of the Mack recruits have the same habit, and even Witt has not been able to break himself of it yet,

No doubt the fans have marveled at the number of infield hits made by opposing teams recently, when the ball was cleanly handled and the infielder apparently had made a fast play. It was due entirely to the collegiate style of waiting for the ball instead of going in fast and playing the bound. College diamonds are not out so deep as major league fields and the youngsters have been used to taking balls back close to the grass and nailing the runner; but they do not realize yet that this cannot be done in the big show.

American League Western Teams Shy of Mark

ALL of the American League teams excepting Washington have appeared here in order, and while none have experienced a great deal of trouble in defeating the Mackmen, some looked much better than others. The impression was general and the tip was being passed out about the circuit that the White Sox and Tigers had struck their stride and that the American League race was between these two Western teams; but on what they showed in this city neither is likely to figure

As a team, the Yankees looked better than any other which appeared here on the present home stand; but since Donovan's team left this city it has been crippled badly and, from present indications, is going to have a hard time staying in the race until the injured stars return to the game. If the injuries eliminate New York, it looks very much as if Boston will breeze home an easy winner, unless Washington has improved 50 per cent, since its last appearance here early

Even without Speaker, the Red Sox have that wonderful balance which, compled with wonderful pitching, is going to be an important factor in the closing days of the race. The Red Sox no longer have the wonderful offense they had a year ago, but Carrigan's team plays smooth, consistent and intelligent ball. It is a steady and experienced team, which is likely to get stronger as the season nears the end. Washington evidently has improved a great deal, judging by the way Griffith's team has trounced the Western clubs; but too much depends on man-Walter Johnson-and he has been overworked to such an extent that It is extremely doubtful if he can pull the Senators through.

Morton's Injury Eliminates Cleveland

CLEVELAND has not made much of an impression on the local fans in the present series. The team appears to lack ginger and its pitching staff has been shot to pieces through the injury to Guy Morton. Manager Fohl says he ets Morton to take his regular turn on the mound in a few days; but after watching him warm up, we doubt very much if Morton is going to pitch the same brand of ball he showed early in the race.

Morton may be able to go to the mound and pitch a few good games now and then, but he is pitching very much as Chalmers did when his arm was in bad shape, and Guy has But the snap to his curve ball. It might be wise for Fahl to make sure that his star is right before he sends him to the mound. He has years before him, and might be ruined by pitching too soon.

MOVIE OF A MAN TAKING HOME HIS FIRST GOLF OUTFIT



GEORGE CHANEY AND KILBANE TO MEET FOR TITLE

Featherweight Bout Will Be Staged at Cedar Point to a Decision

DATE SET LABOR DAY

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

The Kilbane-Chaney bout for the feather-weight championship of the world is on again. After it had slumbered peacefully for a couple of months, up stepped Matt Hinkle, the intrepid referee and president of the American Eoxing Association, dug down deep in his jeans, brought forth \$15, 000 in regular money, exposed it to the world, and loudly announced that the boys could have the bankroll—if they fought for

There is nothing phony about the offer. for Hinkle has the money, and is ready to put it up as soon as the boxers affix their John Hancocks to the articles of agreement. They also must put up a sub-stantial forfeit for appearance, for some-body has told Matt about the first attempt to get the boxers together last March, and when the match fell through because Kil-bane refused to post his cash forfelt.

To a Decision

Hinkle has selected the site for the big he famous summer resort outside of Santhe famous summer resort outside of San-dusky, about 60 miles from Cleveland. A regular line of steamers runs there from Detroit and Cleveland, and, with the rail-roads and interurbans on the job, thou-sands of spectators can be carried to the scene. The battle will be staged on Labor Day, and will be 15 rounds to a decision.

The 315,000 nurse is one of the largest offered for a featherweight title tilt, and if the boxers come to terms the battle will be well worth the money? Kilbane is ready to sign, but it is thought that Granes will hesitate a long time before he ever thinks of considering it.

Reject Dougherty's Offer

After the Baltimore scrap fell through, Jimmy Dougherty burst in on the scene with a \$10,000 offer for a 15-round bout in Leiperville. Kilbane immediately accepted the terms, stating that he was eager, will-ing and anxious to meet Chaney any number of rounds any place in the world—except Baltimore. He couldn't see the Monumental City with a telescope and gave some fine reasons to back it up.

Chancy side-stepped, refused to box any place except Baltimore, claimed the cham-pionship of the world, side-stepped the match and it died a lingering death. From his actions, it easily was seen that Chaney was not anxious to get into the ring with Johnny, and any old excuse was good nough to call everything off.

Perhaps the Baltimore slugger will listen Perhaps the Baltimore slugger will listen to Hinkle's \$15,000 offer, but the chances are that he will pass it up. George has gone back quite a little of late, and, ac-cording to some of the experts, would no-have a ghost of a chance with the featherweight champion. Johnny would jab his head off in the early rounds and then win us he pleased

However, we are likely to have a hard winter, and Chaney might need a little money to buy some coal.

MATTY TO LEAD REDS

THROUGH SEASON OF 1918

Terms for Three-Year Contract Are Not Made Public

CINCINNATI, O., July 22.—Christy Mathewson, who was obtained by Cincinnati in a trade with the New York Giants for Charlie Herzog and Wade Killefer, has signed a contract here to manage the Cininnati club for the rest of this season and that of 1917-18.

Mathewson signed the contract after a short conference with President August Herrmann, of the local club. He after-wards said the terms offered him in his contract were satisfactory and that he and Harrmann easily reached an agreement. Neither Herrmann nor Mathewson would say what the terms were.

Eddie Mahan to Lead Wilson League NEW TORK, July 22 - Eddie Mahan, athlete and football star of Harvard University will lead the Woodrow Wilson College Men's League in the presidential campaign. Democratic National Chatrman Vance McCormics announced here hast sight before leaving for Washington, D. C. Jack De Saulies, of Yale, who headed the leaving for university of the campaign of 1912, will castel Mahan, it was said.

PUTTING IS DEADLY SHOT AND COUNTS MOST IN GOLF

By GRANTLAND RICE

T HAVE seen it stated." said Jerry Trav- | my chip shot dead or holed a good putt." ers recently, "that the second shotthe mashle or the iron approach to the green—is the most important shot in golf. I doubt this very much. All fine players that this, but in my opinion the leading essential to golfing success is control of the short game—putting and the chip shot game—putting and the chip shot game—in the green."

putting, while is a close student of the game, believes that Chick Evans at last has cured his one and only weakness.

"Evans," said Reid, "not only was putting well at Miniwahda, but he was putting with green confidence. He was also putting in

able to get his chip shots close, he can always figure that even if he misses his drive or doesn't get his approach on the green, he can still get down in two most of the time. But if he is putting badly and can't play the short chip, then he stands on the tee with the knowledge that he can't afford to make any mistake—that he can't afford to make any, mistake-that he must play perfectly to the green to get his par.
"And this state of mind isn't going to

help the rest of his game. I have won championships when I was driving hadly. I won a championship at Garden City in 1913 when I was playing my mashie poor-ly, hitting one shot after another up in the heel. But I have never you an imertant tournament in my life when I was putting hadly.

The Double Effect

"Good putsag works in this fashion," continued the ex-open and ex-amateur champion, who will soon go after his old title at Merion. "I recall one of the hardest matches. I missed my drives on the first four holes. My opponent got away four good ones. Each time I had to lose a stroke. He was on in two and I was on playing badly his putting promptly falls in three. But each time I either got away."

Frankis Conway, of the fith Ward, is peeved. He doesn't like the idea of another lots, especially one of his own poundage, using the same norm de guerré. For this reason ne desures to meet Frankie Conway of Seuthwark, the victor to have the privilege of using that name. Hoth are bentame.

The next show scheduled here will be Monday night. Young Diggins will have a tough nut to track when he faces K. O. Al Wagner in the wind-up at the Broadway. Al has not been boxing long, but his last few victories have enabled him to get major recognition.

Morris Wolf probably will be one of the leading welterweights in Philadelphia next season. He is a good two-handed hoxer and punches with perfect precision. Morris is paired off with Jimmy Darling in the semifical at the Ryan Club Tuesday night. The wind-up will bring together Eddle Revoire and Jack Toland for their sixth meeting.

Boxing has been suspended until the fall at the Model Club.

McGOVERN TRIMS FLYNN

Richmond Boxer Finds Kensingtonian

Easy Game

Young McGovern. Richmond's candidate for the bantamweight boxing championship.

scored a victory over Leo Flynn in the main attraction at the Cambria A. C. show last night. The bout was full of action and was

rather even until the last two rounds, when McGovern, by an extra burst of speed, man-aged to gain the decision on points. Joe Wagner outslugged Jack Reck in the

semiwind-up, and in the other contests Ed-die Hanlon stopped Eddie Allen in the sec-ond round; Eddie Mullen defeated Mike

Daly, and Mike Murphy won from Paddy

Levinsky Handles Ashe With Ease

NEW YORK, July 22.—Battling Levinsky had a comparatively easy time outpointing George Ashs, the Philadelphian, at Brown's Far Rock away Club hast night. R. O. Jaffs and Gene Tunney boxed a sensational 10-round draw at the new Polo A. A.. Dave Kurtz was outpointed by Nero Chink.

Chinese Ball Players Win Again

YORK, Pa., July 22.—The Chinese University, of Hawaii, had a nerrow-gauge victory over Grantley Park here yeaterday, score 8 to 2 The chinks first run was made in the third, on a circuit hit by Suns. Timely hitting in the sighth and night gave the visitors the gause.

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from off the green."
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Putting Features

SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS

By LOUIS H. JAFFE

We put the question to several pros. as to the best putter in the game. All agreed that Walter J. Travis was the finest put-ter golf has known in the last decade at least, with Travers and Ouimet close up.

But for every day work they all gave
the veteran the call. Among the pros. they agreed that Alex Smith and John J. Mc-Dermott, when playing well a few years ago, were two of the best. And these two have won four open championships.

"Gii Nicholls," remarked one of the lead-ing pros., "is a trifle different. Good put-ting won't help the rest of his game. But if Gil is playing well up to the greens, he is one of the finest putters in the land, probably the best there is. But if he is

Ray Rivers, the California Mexican, has been winning with a regularity in his New York bouls. He was stopped in his last appearance in Philadelphia by Frankie McManus; but it was evident that the Mex was not in good shape.

BIG SWIM AT LAFAYETTE

Tomlinson and Sopp to Compete From

Scratch in Half Mile

Gilbert Tomlinson and Ernest Sopp will

litus Lackro, Wetzler, Schilef. Wharton

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GRAND CIRCUIT ENDS WITH NEW MARKS HUNG UP

Russell Boy and Single G Show Form in Record-Smashing

SEASON'S TIMES ARE MADE

CLEVELAND, O., July 22 .- All season's and two world's records went by the beards in the free-for-all pace on the final day of the North Randall Grand Circuit races, when Single G created a sensation, after Russell Boy had won the opening heat in 2:00%, by coming on and nosing out Murphy's pacer in the second heat, duplicating the time of the first mile and then taking the race by tramping the third heat in 2:0134.

It was by all odds the greatest speed exhibition in the history of the Grand Circuit, and in only the special match race between Directum I and William was the time even approached.

The world's records were: The fastest three heats ever paced, the three heats averaging 2:00 92-100. The fastest second and third heats ever paced by the same horse, averaging 2:01.

The season's records: Fastest first heat, 2:00¼; fastest third heat, 2:01¼; fastest three-heat race, averaging 2:00 92-100. It was a wonderful race, and the only reason that the two-minute mark was not excelled was that Murphy saved Russell Boy at the finish of the first heat and Curt Gesnell did the same with Single G in the second mile. Otherwise both miles would have been below the two-minute

Single G crowned himself as one of the greatest racing machines in the history of the harness sport. He performed like a real racchorse—trailed, burst out and. when forced, set a pace that killed off

Johnny Dundes, a Little Italy bantam, hopes to emulate the clever New York Scotch-Woy of the same name in the near future. The Philladeiphia Dundes stands with his right hand extended and carries the punch of a welter-weight in his southpaw. those that tried to hollow him.

That they can sometimes come back was demonstrated in the 2:06 trot, when Joan, faultiessly driven by Mike McDevitt, romped off with the race in straight heats and looked like the Joan of two years ago, when the was virtually unbeatable.

Castaway, the Cleveland pacer that once sold for \$55, won the 2:18 pace by taking the first and third heats, while Contention B. was the winner in the second mile.

MACK RELEASES MITTERLING AND G. HASSELBACHER

Athletics Off for Extended Tour of Circuit-Today's Double-Header Off

GROUNDS TOO WET

By CHANDLER D. RICHTER

Prior to starting on the second Western rip, Manager Mack cut adrift two er his youngsters, Mitterling, the former Urainus outfielder, who has been playing centre, and George Hasselbacher, the former Northeast High School pitcher. They were unconditionally released. Mack will take all of his other recruits with the team on the trip, but it would not be surprising if one or two more were released to minorleague teams as part payment for players picked up by Harry Davis on the recent

Manager Mack says that he expects his team to play much better ball on the read and believes the fans will be agreeably surprised at the improvement shown by his youngsters when they return to this city. Mack says he has not decided whether to call in his youngsters upon whom he is banking heavily this fall or waiting until

Mack Satisfied

The wizard manager is satisfied that he has the material, either at hand or in the minor leagues, to build another famous team, and feels certain that the fans will realize this before the close of the present season. Mack's greatest need is catching material, and it is believed that Harry Davis picked up the men wanted.

Young Carroll, the recruit from Tufts College, has shown only fair form, and is not likely to be a member of the new team unless he shows improved form on the Western trip. Meyer has shown enough to warrant the prediction that he will be a star next season, but as Mack intends to use Schang in the outfield it will be neces-sary to find two more receivers of major-

Believes in Youngsters

Mack is convinced that Lawry will be a star, and that Rowe also will develop rapidly. He believes that he needs only two men, aside from pitchers, to have the foundation for his new machine, and is confident that Harry Davis and Ira. Thomas will bring in the men needed.

The double-header scheduled for today was postponed on account of westerneds.

was postponed on account of wet grounds, the the most disastrous home stand in years was brought to an end. The Mackmen won only two out of 16 games from the Western teams, and also dropped eight out of nine games played with Boston and New York, giving the tail-enders a record og three victories out of 25 games played on the home field. Despite this miserable record Mack feels

Despite this miserable record Mack feels that he has made some progress. He has had a chance to learn the faults of his youngsters and they are being corrected. He says that it will take time for the youngsters to become accustomed to playing the game as he wants it played, but that they will come along in fine style. that they will come along in fine style.

McInnis Loses Ring

The postponement of today's games gave "Stuffy" McInnis an opportunity to aid the police in searching for the party who stole a diamond ring, valued at \$400 from his locker in the clubhouse while the Mackmen were losing to the Indians yesterday.

McInnis left the ring in his locker, tossing it upon the shelf according to the

ing it upon the shelf according to the cus-fom of players. When he returned to the clubhouse after the game, it was gone. The theft has been reported to the police





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