# PAT MORAN TAKES LONG CHANCE IN SENDING OESCHGER IN FOR REGULAR WORK

## JOE OESCHGER WILL TAKE HIS REGULAR TURN ON MOUND FOR PHILLIES IN FUTURE

### Pennant May Depend on Work Done by Youngster on Mound During the Remainder of Present Season

DISEATISFIED because some of the veteran pitchers on his staff have failed to show the form expected, Manager Moran, of the Phillies, has decided to take a long chance and assign young Joe Oeschger to a regular turn on the mound. Moran's decision comes as a great surprise, as it was generally bellaved that the California youngster was still too inexperienced to be trusted with a regular assignment with the race so close,

Moran undoubtedly is making a wise move, as it has been definitely established that George Chalmers and Erskine Mayer are not dependable, and he must ind a hurler who can replace them if the team is to be in the pennant race until the finish. Moran figures that he might just as well take a chance on Oeschger as to allow Chalmers and Mayer to lose game after game.

Oeschger may not be able to win, but the work will do him a lot of good and cause a speedler development than bench work and relief pitching, which has been the extent of the Californian's work to date. It is barely possible that Oeschger might prove the very man Moran needs to round out his staff and is surely worth the chance,

Oeschger has everything a pitcher needs to make good excepting experience, and if he has enough nerve and fighting spirit this lack of experience may not prove as much of a handlcap as we are led to believe. If Oeschger gets off to a good start he is likely to get the confidence he has lacked to date.

#### Oeschger Did Splendid Work

MANAGERS, players and scribes who are considered excellent judges of young players declare that Oeschger was easily the best pitcher in the Internaal League last season, and predict that he will be a wonder if he gets a good start. As Allan Russell and several other International League hurlers who were not considered as good as Oeschger are pitching splendid ball in the major leagues this season, there is no reason why Oeschger should not hold up his end unless he has been overrated.

On what he has shown as a relief pitcher we should say that Oeschger will prove a pleasant surprise even to his teammates after he has started a few games. He has terrific speed, few pitchers in either league being any faster, and a pretty good curve ball. He has a tendency to start his curve ball from more of a side-arm swing than he uses when pitching his fast ball, but this is a fault which should be speedlly corrected.

If Oeschger comes through the Phillies will be well equipped with pitchers, roviding Alexander, Rixey, Demarce and Bender continue to pitch as well as they have to date. It is a long chance that Moran is taking and one that few managers would take. It is an unusual thing for a major league manager to place so much upon the shoulders of a youngster at this stage of the race, and Oeschger's work will be watched with interest by fans throughout the country.

Recruit pitchers often have been responsible for the winning of a pennant, it in almost every instance they have earned a regular pitching assignment at the start of the season, and have not been called upon after being on the bench for more than half the season.

#### Phillies Believe Pirates Strongest Western Team

THE Philly players believe that the Pirates are the strongest Western team in the National League at the present time, and the players of other Eastern teams agree with them. Jake Daubert, captain of the Dodgers, stopped off in this city to get a train for his up-State home, and he declared that the Pirates are likely to cause the leaders a great deal of trouble if they can strengthen two

Pittsburgh is about ten games back of the Dodgers, which virtually eliminates Callahan's team from the running; but Daubert says that they will beat the leaders often enough to upset the dope. Wonderful pitching has been Pittsburgh's greatest asset, and with Wagner, Carey and Farmer hitting well in the pinches, is a hard team to beat. Any time the Pirates get two or three runs they will come pretty close to winning if the fielding is up to the mark.

In Mamaux, Callahan has one of the very best pitchers in the country, while four youngsters have been doing lamost as well as the star of the staff. Kantlehner, Miller, Jacobs and Cooper do not get as much publicity as some other hurlers, but they are getting results, and day after day they baffle opposing teams, losing only because the Pirates are not making the average number of runs.

### Rule on Wild Throws Should Be Made Clear

THE Brayes intend to protest yesterday's victory of the Cubs, claiming that Umpire Eason had no right to permit Zimmerman to score from first base when Fitzpatrick's wild throw went into the Boston dug-out. Judging by the reports sent from Boston. Umpire Eason erred, and President Tener should not only uphold the protest, but steps should also be taken to make this ruling clear,

The rules allow the runner two bases on a wild throw into the stand or dugout, the general interpretation being that he is entitled to one base besides the base he is running for. Eason decided yesterday that Zimmerman had rounded second and was starting for third when the throw was made. As he was on his way to third and was entitled, according to umpire permitted the winning run to tally.

A ruling of this sort puts too much upon the umpire's judgment and should be changed. Last winter we asked President Tener about this very play which came up yesterday and he said that the runner should be stopped at third because he was on first and really going to second when the play was started. This seems like the only logical ruling, but the umpires interpret it differently, and it might he wise of the Pules Committee of the major leagues to make the point clear and have a standing rule which cannot be misunderstood.

. . . The unusual size of Rollie Zeider's nose was the cause of another fight on the diamond. Yesterday Johnny Evers reminded Zeider of the size of his nose and the Cub infielder started a mix-up which resulted in both men being escorted off the field. In recent years Zeider has been in many fights on the field because opposing players josh him about his large nose, a point upon which the Cub infielder is quite sensitive.

The eastern teams of the American League got off to a poor start in the west yesterday, every one losing. In the East vs. West clash, the eastern teams of the American League completely outplayed the westerners, much to the surprise of the fans, but apparently the West intends to redeem itself.

Jimmy Callahan says that Al Mamaux is the greatest pitcher in the country. One would hardly expect Callahan to say anything else, considering that Mamaux is the star of his staff. There are about 15 other managers each of whom claims that the star of his staff is the best in the land.

Tennis experts attribute R. Norris Williams's defeat at the hands of Clarence Griffin in the Longwood tournament to lack of practice, and they predict that the Philadelphian will come back strong later in the season. Williams has not been playing in tournaments this year, and it is said that he seldom practiced until a few days before the Longwood tourney. It is barely possible that the experts are underestimating the ability of Griffin, who is really a star and one who is improve a all the time.

The Philly players were very much interested in Wally Schang's condition, many of Meran's men having predicted that he would be seriously hurt sooner or later. Mt. an says there are few players in the game who so completely forget everything but the game the moment they put on a uniform. Schang also is popular with the Philly players because of his pleasing personality,

That the relief pitching and pinch hitting idea is being overworked by major hages managers is the growing belief among players. In twelve major league rames played on a recent date forty-four pitchers were used. Alexander the breat being the only hurier in either league who went the full nine-inning route. The majority of the games were low-score contests, but pitchers who were curting well were taken out of the game in order to allow a plach hitter to bat

Now that the Red Sox have proved that they are very much in the pennant race, and are likely to share in the world's series receipts again, Joe Wood has setified President Lannin that he is in great shape and ready to report to the com. Unless to miss our guess, Mr. Lannin will tell "Smoky Joe" to remain on the farm for the summer, as his services are not needed. Wood was a hold-out this apring and refused to report when he was badly needed.

### KELLY-WINNERS AND LOSERS



# MATTY'S FIRST **GAME IN MAJORS NOT A SUCCESS**

Christie Was Not Hailed as a Hero on July 17, 1900, When He Broke In

GREAT OVATION TODAY

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Halten. Sacrifice hits—Demontreville, 2;
Stoien hases—Demontreville Kelley, Grady,
Bowerman. Left on bases—Brooklyn, 8; New
York, 7, Double plays—Dahles and Daly,
Bases on halls—Off McGinnity, 2; off Dobeny,
4; off Mathewson, 2, Struck out—By McGinnity, 4; by Mathewson, 1, Hit by pitchers—
By Doheny, 1; by Mathewson, 3; by McGinnity,
2, Wild pitches—Doheny, 1; Mathewson, 1,
Passed ball—Bowerman. Umpire—Mr. Swartwood, Time of game—2 hours and 30 minutes.

NEW YORK, July 26 .- When the Cincin nati Reds lined up against the Giants here this afternoon in the initial tilt of the present series. Christie Mathewson appeared for the first time in his career in an alien uniform. Since he broke into the game with New York July 17, 1900, at Washington Park, Brooklyn, until today, Matty has been striving to keep the metropolitan National Lenguers on top of the heap. Not only has Matty strived for that end, but he has been largely instrumental in winning pennants and putting the name of John J. McGraw among the great managers of baseball

Today Mathewson was given a wonderful ovation by thousands of his friends, who have seen him hurl his club to victory countless times. Times have changed since that hot July day, when as the papers of that date tell us in a few words that "Young Mathewson possessed great speed and plenty of confidence in himself, but could not control his curves." Then Matty was unknown and was, excepting what has been quoted not mentioned in the achas been quoted, not mentioned in the account of that Brooklyn-New York game. But today the old master is hailed as the world's greatest and most consistent pitcher by his gigantic following in Greater New York. His name is seen on the first page of all the newspapers, and in spite of the fact that he is here to lead the Cincinnati club to victory over the Giants, there was not a soul in the big stadium who did not wish him the best of luck in his new under-

But to get back to that first game in which Matty participated in in 1900 we find that he went in in the fifth inning to relieve Doheny. Although he worked than four complete innings, Matty hit three batamen, passed two and made a wild pitch. In spite of that unen-viable record, he made a decided hit with the experts and from that day until this has been recognized by the baseball world as one of its mightlest exponents. as one of its mightlest exponents. At present Mathewson does not intend to do any pitching, but he may go in if he is

Binghamton Owner Ready to Quit BINGHAMTON, N. T., July 26.—It has been reported in local buseball circles that Owner Johnson, of the Bingues, is ready to toss up his interest in State League buseball here. Poor attendance on the part of the fans, despits the strong club, is the cause.

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### SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS By LOUIS H. JAFFE

An aerial battle royal again has been arranged by Fred Douglas as the feature of the boxing program at the Gayety Theater Fridage in the following program at the Gayety Theater Fridage in the following program at the Gayety Theater Fridage in the following following the following the following the following the following the following followi

A victory for Joe Koons over Johnny Nelson would add greatly to his prestige, and he would be recognized as the best lightweight in Kensington, Although Nelson is a beavy favorite, Koons is a strong youngster, and there is no telling that he might come through with the unexpected. They meet at the Cambria Friday night.

Eddie Moy, of Allentown, is making good in Australia. Although he had a decision given against him recently in a 20-round mix with Tommy Uren, the Pennsylvanian showed up so well he may get a return bout.

Training for a bout is real interesting—for a few days, but after a week it gets to be hard work, Benry Leonard has been laboring like a Trojan at Mt. Kisce. N. J., for his match with Fred Weish in Brooklyn Friday night. Here is figure of the state of

6:00 a. m.—Called. 6:30 a. m.—Breakfast, consisting of half a cantaloupe, soft-holled eggs, toast and coffee. coffee.

8.00 a. m.—Ten-mile cross-country run with his sparring partners,

9.00 a. m.—A mile row on the lake,

19.00 a. m.—Tilling the soil on a farm.

Wheelbarrows dirt and breaks stone.

Noon—Light lunch. Cold meats and iced tea.

2:30 p. m.—Boxes three two-minute rounds with three sparring partners. Skips rope and punches bag.

4:00 p. m.—Long walk in the country.

6:00 p. m.—Dinner, mostly vegetables.

9:00 p. m.—Under the covers for a night's rest.

As in previous years bantamweights again robably will stand out as chief attractions here. Justine new face that will be seen in the "18"-ound division this year is Matty Burns, a South hiladelphia lad. sald to be a mighty clever

Ring generalship is considered one of the greatest things in making a successful boxer. Jess Willard is making quite a success raking in the filthy lucre in three-ring generalship.

Neighborhood bouts generally result in real rip-snorting battles and have a tendency to de-cide the leading boxer of respective divisions. A set-to between K. O. Al Wagner, fresh from a victory over Young Disgins, and Al Neison would give Little Haly fans a chance to see which was the best of featherweights there. A little press agenting goes a long way. When Joe Wellings first boxed in New Tork he falled to make much of a hit, although he was a fairly good lightweight. Now Jimmy Johnston is managing the Westerner and he is being halled as the greatest boxer of the age, Mr. Johnston knows how to use a typewriter.

Jack McAuliffe is to box in the movies. The only undefeated and retired champion of the ring is going to uplift the drammer. Jack intends to take a fiver in the movies at the same time, for his sketch consists of a reproduction of his famous battle with Jem Carney 29 years ago.

29 years ago.

Heavyweights, beware: "Fat" L'Heureux is headed here. The fat person halls from Seattle and is the heavyweight champion of ama-



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Ad Wolgast, former lightweight champion of the world, who lost to Champion Welsh on a foul on the Fourth of July in the west, has arrived in New York. He was matched to box Frankle Callahan 19 rounds on August 4.

It remained for Willie Ritchie, former light-weight champion, to show his comrades in the civilian military camp at Monterey, Cal., some new wrinkles as to preparedness. Ritchie is merely a private in the rear rank, but he has an expensive automobile standing in front of his tent, and when he is not drilling he burns up the roads in the vicinity of the quarters. Willie is also combining business with social Pleasure. He arranged a dance recently, invited all the neighboring belies and then charged his fellow patriots 50 cents a head to see him lead the grand march.

Ever Hammer, of Chicage, and Johnny O'Leary, Canadian lightweight champion, have been matched to box 12 rounds to a decision in Boston on August 1. . . They agreed to weigh 135 pounds. .

### CHANEY WANTS \$6500

Kilbane Match Will Be on If Given \$1500 More Than Offered

BALTIMORE. Md., July 26.—Only \$1500 now keeps Henry Bletzer from accepting the financial side of the proposed George Chaney-Johnny Kilbane match for the featherweight championship of the world at Cedar Point, O., Labor Day, Jimmy Dunn, manager of Johnny, has agreed to take \$10,000 of the \$15,000 purse offered by Matt Hinkel, for Kilbane's share, which would leave just \$5000 for the Baitimore boxer and his manager, But some one must come across with \$1500 more to get Bletzer's signature.

The handler of the kneckout king does not care whether Dunn gives up the \$1500 or Hinkle increases the purse. He has set his price at \$5000 with the privilege of 30 per cent of the gate and \$5000 training expenses.



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# WHAT A MONUMENTAL TASK CONFRONTS MATTY TO LIFT REDS OUT OF WILDERNESS

Over Space of Forty Years Fifteen Other Managers, Including Hanlon, Ewing and Comiskey, Have Failed to Produce Winner

### By GRANTLAND RICE

THE monumental task that Matty faces | a chance to begin building up the right sort of club.

In lifting the Reds out of the wilderness They can at least know that in Mathewinto the promised land can be best underson they have a manager of brains, of courage, of resource and of high-class sportsmanship, one who will give his best, as he has always given it since he entered stood from this list of Red managers from 1876 to 1916. Here it is: Cy Keck, J. M. W. Neff, O. P. Caylor, Tom Loftus, Charles Comiskey, William (Buck) Ewing, Robert Allen, Bid McPhee, Jos Kelly, Edward Hanlon, John Ganzel,

Clarke Griffith, Hank O'Day, Joseph Tin-ker, Charley Herzog, There you have it—fifteen leaders in

There you have it—fifteen leaders in forty years, without a pennant to flap above the old tepes. Fifteen leaders, including some of the greatest minds in baseball—Hanlon, Ewing, Comiskey, Griffith and others of slightly less reputs.

In the forty years the Keds have finished below the .500 mark twenty-five seasons, and in the last twelve years they have finished in the first division but twice.

Considerable Assignment

Evidently Matty faces what you might well enough term a considerable assign-ment, job, task or undertaking. It can be done. Pat Moran proved that by ending the Philly drought after forty barren years last October.

And it may be that Matty is the man to achieve the miracle that will bring him in as much renown in another field as he ever won over sixteen years from his place in the rifle nit.

Red Stars

The Reds have not suffered this big deficit through absence of talent. In these share of stars-Bobby Mathews, Arlie share of stars—Bobby Mathews, Arile Latham, Bug Holiday, Tony Mullane, Charley Radbourne, Bid McPhee, Tommy Corcoran, Pete Browning, Frank Dwyer, Charley Comiskey, Tip O'Neill, Jesse Tannehill, Tacks Parrott, Silver Bill Phillips, Buck Ewing, Red Ehret, Theodore Breitenstein, Heinie Pettz, Jake Beckley, Norman Eberfield, Sox Seybold, Sam Crawford, Mike Donlin, Noodles Hahn, Amos Rusie, William Bergen, Harry Stainfeldt, Joe Kelley Cy Bergen, Harry Steinfeldt, Joe Kelley, Cy Seymour, Crval Overall, Al Bridwell, Dick Hoblitzell, Harry Coveleskie, Hans Lobert, Joe Tinker, Charley Herzog—these and many other names still remembered in ball-dom annals have worn Red hosiery and battled for the old town from year to year. There isn't another city in the land that

can boast of greater names in the line-up. Crawford went from Cincinnati to Detroit and helped to give that city three pennants. Donlin and Seymour helped the Giants to

flag.
Overall and Steinfeldt were big factors in four Chicago triumphs.

Ex-Reds have helped rivals to at least

eight pennants, but in 40 years Cincinnati has been without her flag. A City of Baseball Tradition

Redland is a city strong in baseball tradition. But so many years of failure there have soured the fanatic soul, and now the Red fan has begun each season to look for the worst. And when the break came each fan figured the same old story was about to be related, with the usual setting of

Mathewson should have it in him to make one of the best managers of the game, but he isn't going to plunge at once into any triumph. He has a slow, uphill fight ahead, and a good part of his chance depends upon the patience of Cincinnati fans.

These fans owe it to their future to be a street of the patience of the p

The Uphill Journey Matty is too crafty a citizen of our Na-tional Land of Swat to look for an easy climb shead.

He knows that he faces an uphill jour-ney. Where such leaders as Comiskey, Hanlon and Ewing have failed there can be no soft roadbed to travel upon. We recall the day that Buck Hersog went there, strong in his belief that he could break the ancient spell. Hersog worked with tireless energy and with all he had to give—and Herzog is not one who quits easily. But Buck could see no light shead and so he was giad to be relieved.

Watching Cincinnati

From now on fans from one section of America to the other and around the map will be focusing their attention on Cin-

cinnati.

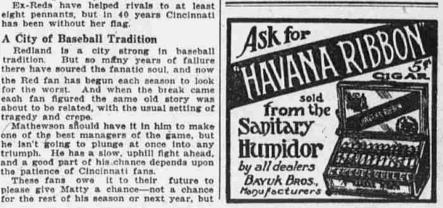
For there are two things there to watch
—the greatest pitcher baseball has ever
known, and one of the greatest brains in
the game directing his energies through a
new channel; and with him the City of
Blighted Hopes. There would be no great
interest in watching Matty handling some
club far up in the race—one with a tradition of victory behind it. But to see what
he can do with a club that has gone through he can do with a club that has gone through 40 years of sorrow and shame—a club where some of the best have failed—is another epic.

Beyond the narrow confines of home-town prejudice and partisanship there will be no other club in the game which so many million fans will be wishing suc-

Penn-Jersey League Reorganizes

SOUTH BETHLEHEM, Pa., July 25.—The Penn-Jersey Leasue has been reorganized due to the withdrawal of the Helviders nine from the league. The Easten-Philipsburg team, which will assume the Beividers end of the achedule and play off postponed games, will take the atanding of the Beividere team in the leasue. A. F. Everett, of Stroudsburg, is succeeded as secretary by David Hallock, of the same place. G. W. Miller, of Washington, N. J. was elected his assistant. M. O. J. Hell, of Phillipsburg, was elected third vice president.

BTROUDSBURG, Pa., July 26.—The Stroudsburg Baseball Club has given up, so far as the Penn-Jersoy. League is concerned. Manager Flynn has notfied President C. H. Mayo, of the league, of the local team's withdrawal.



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