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# OTHER VETERAN BALL PLAYERS SLOW DOWN, BUT WAGNER SEEMS TO IMPROVE WITH AGE

# HANS WAGNER HAS NEW LEASE OF LIFE; PLAYERS DECLARE HE IS BETTER THAN IN 1911

## Famous Pittsburgh Veteran, Who Is Close to Leaders in Batting, Thrills Large Crowd With Sensational Work Afield

"II about five years ago." This remark was made by a Philly player yesteray and other players agreed with him. "The big German is not so fast as he was a few years ago, but he is still able to get around much faster than the fans imagine," continued the Philly star. "Wagner's ungainly build and awkward carriage are deceiving, and he is much faster, even now, than the fans believe. He also is so wine that he can accomplish more without moving about as he did Ive years ago than the average recruit who is fast and finshy. I wish I thought that I would be able to play the bal he is playing after I have been in the league twenty years. He is the daddy of them all."

This expresses the sentiment of almost every one of the 10,000 spectators who saw the Phillies collt even in a double header with Fittsburgh yesterday. Wagner played wonderful ball in both games, and the fans cheered the grand old veteran every time he came to bat or made a play in the field. And he made at least half a dozen plays that few shortstops in the game today could have duplicated.

Saying that Wagner is as good as he was five years ago may be stretching point a triffe, when one considers that it was only five years ago that Wagner reigned supreme in the National League and led the batters with monotonous regularity, but the Pirate star is surely much better than he was in 1914 and 1915.

Five years ago (1911, to be exact), Wagner finished the season as the Nafound League batting leader with a percentage of .334, which was just one point above "Doc" Miller, then with Boston but two years later a member of the Phillies. In that season Wagner scored \$7 runs, made 158 hits for a total of 240 uses, stole 20 bases, and included 23 doubles, 16 triples and 9 home runs among his total of safeties. Altogether it was a wonderful season, and Wagner's work was all the more remarkable because he then was rounding out his fifteenth season as a major league player.

#### Wagner Carrying Whole Infield

TODAY Wagner is playing his twentleth season in the National League and is playing better ball than he has in any year since 1911, and perhaps he is really of greater value at the present time because he is playing with a team not nearly so strong as Clarke's 1911 combination. Wagner is burdened with greater reasibility at the present time, as he is the only dependable infielder on Callan's payroll and is doing the thinking for the whole infield.

Wagner is batting for the unusual average of .332 at the present time. He has played 79 games, in which he has been to bat 296 times, made 98 hits, scored and has stolen 8 bases. This is surely a wonderful record. He is close to the leaders in the National League in batting, and if he keeps going at his present clip may again finish on top, as he is gaining steadily.

Yesterday Wagner convinced the large crowd that he is still a wonderful fielder, and several of his sensational plays killed rallies which might have resulted in enough runs to have given the Phillies a double victory. His stop on Cooper in the sixth inning deprived the Phillies of at least one run, as Paskert followed with a home-run drive into the left field bleachers.

### A Wonderful Catch Stopped a Philly Rally

AGAIN in the seventh inning it was Wagner who spoiled a rally with a sen-sational catch of Whitted's fly close to the foul line and far into left field. Good had opened the inning with a single and Whitted followed with what apparently was a double to left. Farmer, who played left field for the Pirates in the second game, was playing deep left-center for Whitted when he lofted a fly fully 25 yards back of third. It looked like a sure double and a couple of runs for the champions, but Wagner pulled the ball down after a hard sprint. Just as he caught the ball the big Teuton collided with Baird. Both men fell heavily to the earth, but Wagner held the ball. The next two batters went out on easy chances and the rally was killed.

In the first game Wagner made three sensational plays, the most noteworthy eing at the expense of Bancroft in the fourth inning. It resulted in a double ay and prevented at least one run. With Whitted on first, Bancroft hit a fast under over second. Wagner got over the ground in an amazing manner, med up the ball, touched second and made a lightning throw to Johnston which just beat the runner.

Altogether Wagner had a great day and appears to be young enough at 42 years of age to outlast many of the present-day stars, and it is reasonably cerain that he will be a regular after his only rival, Napoleon Lafole, has retired from the game.

## Sensational Pitching Features Major League Games

MENSATIONAL pitching featured the major league games yesterday. Alexander D pitched his near-record game here in the first contest of the double-header with the Pirates; Eddie Cicotte, of the White Sox, blanked the Yankees with one hit nd permitted only two men to reach first base; Jim Vaughn held the Braves hitless



ankings. The East on paper does not show up very strongly against the West for the in-tersectional battle at Forest Hills August 4 and 5. This is so in spite of the fact that McLoughlin will not be on hand to lead the invaders. The visiting team will be selected from William M. Johnston, national champion; Clarence J. Griffin, holder with Johnston of the national doubles title; Willis E. Davis, national clay court cham pion; Roland Roberts, Ward Dawson, H. V. D. Johns and E. R. McCormick. The Easterners will be led by R. Norris Williams 2d, and the other players will be se-lected from G. M. Church, T. R. Pell, Karl Behr, Watson M. Washburn, F. B. Alexander and W. J. Clothler. It is likely that Church and Williams will form the doubles team to play Johnston and Griffin. Dean Mathey, Church's regular doubles partner, is learning to be a soldier at Plattsburg. The western team presents a solid fro that the Easterners will find it hard to bat-ter down. No fewer than three national champions are listed among the invaders. In addition to the two Japs and Mo-Loughlin, another tennis player well known nationally has his name generally pro-nounced incorrectly. This is Mathey, which is pronounced "Matty," exactly as the nick-

gave him the top-notch position in the 1915

persist in hanging on, the name of one Mordecal Brown, he of the three talons,

should not be overlooked. We recall watch-ing a game in Chicago several years ago where the Three-Fingered entry worked against the Giants and wrenched his knee-cap so hadly that he was forced out for a

They are Grover Cleveland Alexander and Walter Johnson. Alex already has packed away 19 victories. He will have no great trouble in packing away 13 more, Johnson has bagged 17 to date. Whether he reaches 20 or not 11 is botter they may strokes above par, however, and finished with a card of 79. There was a tie at 90 among six players to fill five places in the first division. Some of those who created surprise by failing to qualify were W. H. he reaches 30 or not, it is better

garments from one season into another-gives Georges' customers advantages which no other store can duplicate. Briefly, the range of models, materials and colors is so wide-and the values now offered so great-that a man need not disappoint his tastes to conform to the size of his purse. Here are the

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seven innings and to two hits in nine, but lost because Nick Allen held the Jubs to two hits and did not permit a faily.

The western teams of the American League again had all the best of the ash with the East, winning four of the five games played, Boston being the only stern team to win. The Red Sox victory put Carrigan's team one-half game ck of the Yankees and it seems certain that the Red Sox will enter first place ore the trip is completed, providing Chicago does not pull an unexpected winning reak

In the National League the Braves gained half a game on the Phillies and Dodgers by winning from the Cubs, while the Phils broke even with the Pirates and Brooklyn divided a double bill with the Cardinals. A victory for the Phillies in the second same would have enabled the champions to cut down the lead, but Miller's pitching was such that he probably would have beaten any team yesterday.

#### Schmidt and Burns Pulled Clever Plays

CHMIDT, Pittsburgh's young catcher, tried a trick made famous by Johnny O Kling in the fifth inning of the first game, and failed only because Wagner and Farmer were not looking for it. Good was on second and Whitted on first when the double steal sign was flashed. Good got off to a flying start and there was no chance to get him, but Schmidt noticed that Whitted was taking his time poing to second, so he whipped the ball to that bag. The throw was good, but Wagner was off his balance and missed Whitted. It was a clever play and catchers could get away with it often, as the second man on a double steal invariably loafs, believing that the catcher will try to head off the man going to third.

Another clever bit of catching science was pulled by Burns in the second ne when he backed up first and retrieved Niehoff's wild throw in time to catch ults going to second. When Schultz saw Niehoff's throw sail over Luderus's id he did not stop at first but dashed for second. He was amazed when he Bancroft take Burns's throw, as catchers of the present day seldom back up first, though they should.

#### Athletics Will Screen Bleachers

MILLER had Paskert pulling badly on his first two trips to the plate by feed-ing him curved balls, but on his third time up Paskert was laying for the curve. He drove the ball into the left field bleachers for a home run. The Pirates protested that a bleacherite had reached out and caught the bail, but Umpire Klem decided it was a legitimate circuit smash.

It was the Pittsburgh club that requested the National League to order a -foot screen placed above the blencher wall, but the lengue decided that Presient Baker could suit himself about it. No doubt the fans will be surprised to arn that the Athletics have decided to put a 25-foot screen in front of the here next season, despite the fact that the wall is a greater distance from the plate than that at the Philly park.

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Callahan's trick of switching his line-up so that he had nine right-handed atters facing Rixey in the second game has never been duplicated in this city. It is this custom in modern buschall for managers to switch their line-up so focall sceing a game where every man starting the game was a right-hand hitter,

Farmer, the big poungster who made his local debut with the Pirates yes-ity, started his professional career with the Selins. Ala., team of the Georgiauberna League in 1914. He was a shortstop then, but was switched to the outid by Nashvillo in 1915. This season he was with Louisville until the Pirates archand his release. Oddly enough, Farmer was only a substitute at Louisville, in two picked by Callahan in preference to the regulars and has earned a regular sition. He looked fairly good yesterday.

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name for Mathewson. PRINTERS TO HAVE BASEBALL TOURNEY IN INDIANAPOLIS

Garry Herrmann Cup at Stake in Series

Starting August 5 Washington Fark, Indianapolis, the American Association grounds, will be the scene of the minth annual tournament of the Union Printsref Hasehall Lesgue, which will open on Sunday, August 5.

August 5. August, which will open on bunday, Treelve cities will engage in an elimination series to decide which will be the winner of the farry fleriman troady, now held by St. Louis Union. The entries are Boston. New York, Phila-deiphia. Washington, Pittsburgh, Detroit, Cleves and Cincinsail, Indianapolis, Chicago, St. Louis and St. Paul. A feature of the week's entertaining will be a 100-mile motor race on the indianapolis Speed-way by professional drivers. Next year's tour-nament will be beld at St. Paul.

#### Germantown Boys Beat Wayne

A water pole same was beld in the German town Boyw Club pool last night scalast the strong Wayne team, the Boys' Club squad win ning out by a score of 4 to 0.

#### Not to Extend Hawthorne Meeting

CHICAGO, July 27.—A movement to extend the 13 day rare meet at Hawthorns was blocked today by the announcement of Tem Carey, owner of the track, that he wouldn't reat the plant for horse racing any more this year. Officials in charge of the meet also declared they had decided not to estand the meet. Reformers planned to use cameras in petting viséenes of betting at the track.

#### Jones, Red Sox Hurler, Weds

CLEVELAND. July 27.-Sam Jones, Boston Bad Sox relief hurler, was panaling out the amoiese today, having celebrated his birthday by marrying Miss Edith Kerr, a Cheveland girl. George Moriarty Stricken With Fever MCMPRIE, Tenn. July 27. George Moriarty, manager of the Memobile Southern Association chin and former indor league player, has typhool fereer and probably will be out of the same for the remainder of the season. of the

long spell.

That injury was supposed to be the end of Brown's career. Matty's leading rival from the old days was labeled a tradition. They first sent him to Louisville. Then the Reds tried him again. Then he took up a job managing the St. Louis Feds. Then Brownie came back to the Chicago Feds. He was merely drifting around. But here, late in the summer of 1916, he is still back at the old stand, induiging in a

favorite occupation, viz., beating the Giants Brown deserves a higher ranking upon the halls or walls of pitching fame than he ever has received. He was one of the best that ever threw a ball-and he is still on

the job. Turn about is supposed to be fair play. New York got Christy Mathewson and Mike Donlin from Cincinnati. Now Cincinnati owns claims to Christy Mathewson and Hal Chase-who at one time or another were

fairly well known figures in New York's baseball life.

Freddle Weish's idea of the art of self-

## SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS By LOUIS H. JAFFE

Adam's retirement." Julio and Ryan are pupil and teachr.

Benny Leonard has an added incentive to unset Mr. Fred Weish, lightweight champion, in Insie Brooklyn bout remurow night. A knock-sut victory for the Gothamite will enable him to substitute for Weish in the Labor Day 20-rounder at Colorado Springs against Charley White, This was learned today in a wire from the western promoters.

What's in a name? Two local bantams are using the handle of Frankle Conway and a match for the hone of retaining it has been ar-ranged for the Broadway Monday night. The principals hall from the Eleventh Ward and Southwark respectively. Mickey Galagher va. Darby Caspar meet in the wind-up for Smoky Hollow presting.

Eid Goodman boxed around here hast year as a fairly good prelim had. Tonlight he appears in the role of a star in New York by opposing Pai Moore, the Memphis bantam. Although Moore has newsequer victories over Rid Will hams and Johnny Ertls, he failed to impress Philadelphia fans in a set-to with Battling Reddy.

This season may find Joe Hirst boxing oftener than last year. The obviet Bosithwarkits has been training diligently for three weeks, and he expects to be back in his old than form. Hirst ins been promised a place on the Olympia's opening program.

ight who appeared in local com-turned up again. He is Harr is thinking seriously of trying

trow has been idle so long he has a lag that he would like to direct some one. Jack doesn's care who the He wants to box, that's sil.

Beautiful Gray Worsted Suitings-the Very Latest Styles-to Order \$16.50, Ready-Made Stores Ask \$25.00 The Spanish-Indian baser. Young Ju ad let up in his workoots since so inaction to bis debut, and ha is ready its second superranos. While Julio was r BILLY MORAN, THE TAILOR with Toung Tommy Owens two weeks ago a flagade spectator remarked. "There is the boy' impersonation of Adam Ryan I have seen since 1103 Arch St. OPEN EVENINGS

money that he wins more games than any Shawnee last week; Ralph C. Carroll, of other pitcher in his league-and that work-ing for one of the lightest hitting clubs, Give all the credit there is to others who are up there. But there is still only one Alexander in the National and only one Johnson in the American-so far as pitching goes.

The Saddest Sight

Sad sights are thick amid the hive; But worse than tombstones placed or mounds, The saddest is to watch a drive

That's slicing out of bounds.

Ball clubs should follow the scheme of Freddle Welsh and carry their own um-pires around. Then there would be only one club howling at the decisions in place of two.

Weish is willing to meet an opponent over the 20-round route on Labor Day. The only qualifications he insists upon are that he shall pick the referee and that said opponent be more than 50 years old.

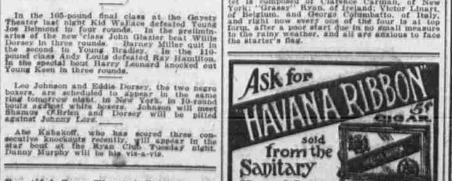
shorrs who possess hard punches usually win their way into good graces of fight fans. Frankie White, who looks like the best of the local 126-pounders, is working on a new train-ing stunt whereby he will thuprave his punching ability. Frank, is confident he will develop a wallop hard enough to knock down, if not knock out, his opponents.

Clark Seeley and Fearey, Brown and Bar-ber, Campbell and O'Connell, Marston and McKnight, Eddy and Young, Gwyer and Coffin, Kerr and Burnham. Negotiations for a go between Lew Tendler and Kid Williams in Baltimore fell flat when "Lewle was offered not epough for coffee and-" according to Phil Glassman. An effort was made to match the boys for 15 rounds.

> Long Motor-Paced Race Tonight Long Motor-raced Race lonight With proper frack conditions at the Point Breeze Motordrome tonight a new record for 106 kilometers (62% miles) behind motors is more than likely to be hums us. This event may be well expected, for four of the flectest pace fol-lowers in the game today are scheduled to chash in the feature face on the program. This quar-tet is composed of Clarence Carman, of New York: "Grassor Ryan, of Ireland; Victor Linart, of Beiglund, and George Commattee is to form, after a poor start due in so small measure to the rath weather, and all are sould to face the starter's flag.

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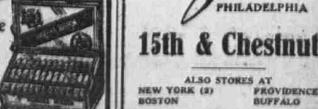
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The draw for today's match The draw for today's match play for the first 32 follows: Catiin and Allen, Worthington and Ransom, Gardner and Morse, Kinsley and White, Amory and Bux-ton, Wheeler and Ladd, Crocker and Wat-son, Whittemore and Bellamy, Tiffany and

Knollwood, and Alex Coles, of Shawnee, Gardner and Carroll were just outside at 91 while Coles required a total of 94. The Flannels Included 32 players to qualify for match play -Hot Weatherthe chief trophy, with their scores and the pairings for today follow:

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