

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

"HANS WAGNER is just as good as he was when I broke into the league about five years ago." This remark was made by a Philly player yesterday...

This expresses the sentiment of almost every one of the 10,000 spectators who saw the Phillies split even in a double-header with Pittsburgh yesterday.

Saying that Wagner is as good as he was five years ago may be stretching the point a trifle, when one considers that it was only five years ago that Wagner returned supreme in the National League and led the hitters with monotonous regularity.

Five years ago (1911, to be exact), Wagner finished the season as the National League batting leader with a percentage of .324, which was just one point above "Doc" Miller, then with Boston but two years later a member of the Phillies.

Wagner Carrying Whole Infield

TODAY Wagner is playing his twentieth 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 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 39 runs and has stolen 8 bases.

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.

A Wonderful Catch Stopped a Philly Rally

AGAIN in the seventh inning it was Wagner who spoiled a rally with a sensational 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.

In the first game Wagner made three sensational plays, the most noteworthy being at the expense of Bancroft in the fourth inning. It resulted in a double play and prevented at least one run.

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 certain that he will be a regular after his only rival, Napoleon Lajoie, has retired from the game.

Sensational Pitching Features Major League Games

SENSATIONAL pitching featured the major league games yesterday. Alexander 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 Braves with one hit and permitted only two men to reach first base.

The western teams of the American League again had all the best of the slash with the East, winning four of the five games played, Boston being the only eastern team to win. The Red Sox victory put Carrigan's team one-half game back of the Yankees and it seems certain that the Red Sox will enter first place before the trip is completed.

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.

Schmidt and Burns Pulled Clever Plays

SCHMIDT, Pittsburgh's young catcher, tried a trick made famous by Johnny 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.

Another clever bit of catching science was pulled by Burns in the second game when he backed up first and retrieved Niehoff's wild throw in time to catch Schults going to second. When Schults saw Niehoff's throw sail over Luden's head he did not stop at first but dashed for second.

Athletics Will Screen Bleachers

MILLER had Paskert pulling badly on his first two trips to the plate by feeding 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.

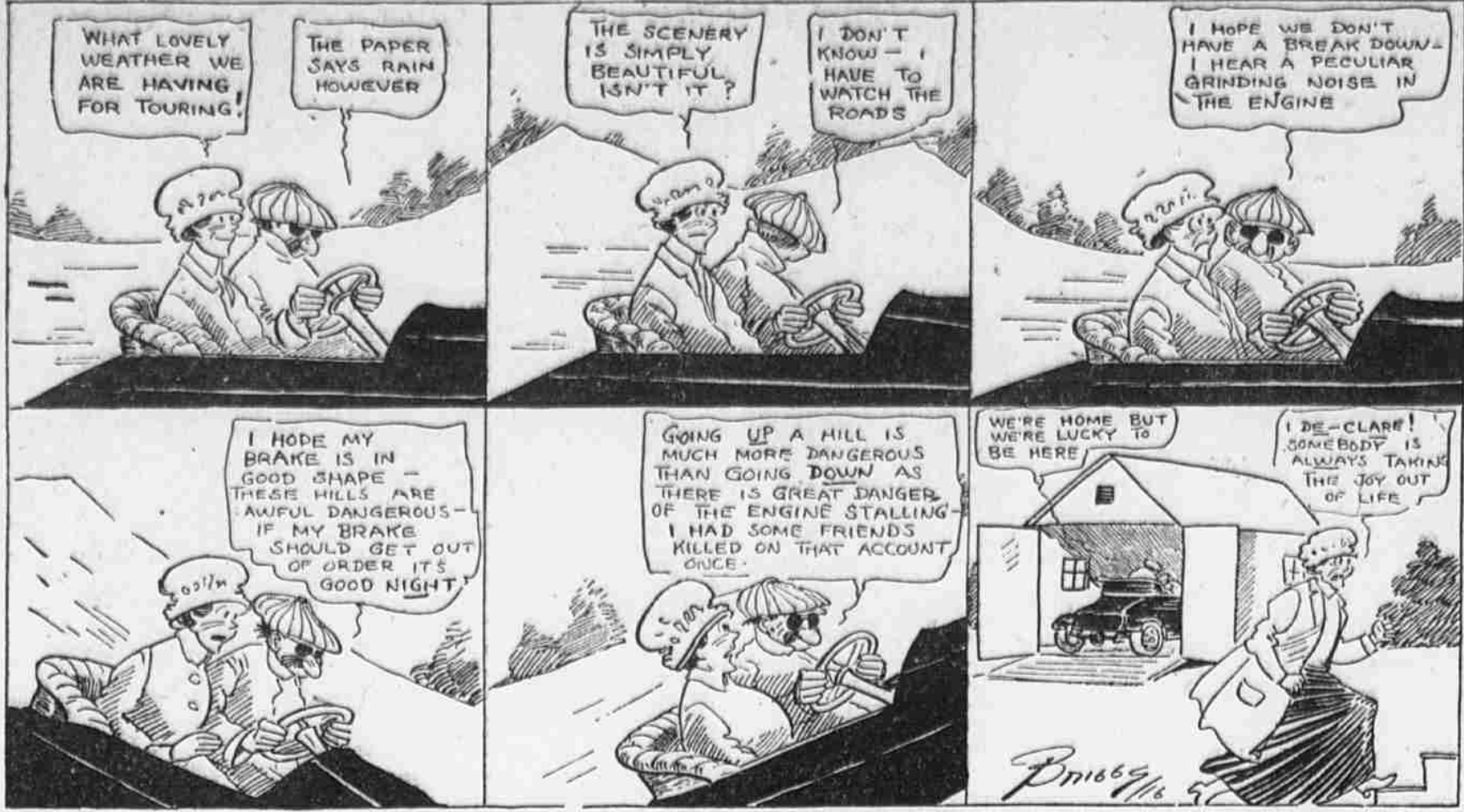
It was the Pittsburgh club that requested the National League to order a ten-foot screen placed above the bleacher wall, but the league decided that President Baker could suit himself about it.

Callahan's trick of switching his line-up so that he had nine right-handed hitters facing Rixey in the second game has never been duplicated in this city. It is the custom in modern baseball for managers to switch their line-up so that certain left-handed batters do not face southpaw pitchers.

Farmer, the big youngster who made his local debut with the Pirates yesterday, started his professional career with the Selma, Ala., team of the Georgia-Alabama League in 1914. He was a shortstop then, but was switched to the outfield by Nashville in 1915.

George Moriarty Stricken With Fever MEMPHIS, Tenn., July 27.—George Moriarty, manager of the Memphis Southern Association club, was stricken with fever and probably will be out of the game for the remainder of the season.

SOMEBODY IS ALWAYS TAKING THE JOY OUT OF LIFE



"DICK" WILLIAMS SHAPING GAME FOR TITLE FRAY

Early Defeats Mean Nothing When Compared With Success in Championship

WESTERNERS ARE STRONG

The defeat of R. Norris Williams, 2d, Philadelphia's hope for the national lawn tennis title, at the hands of Clarence James Griffin, alias "Peck," may mean either that Williams is not the invincible, irresistible Williams of old or that he is taking his time in developing his game to its height.

IN DISCUSSING old-time stars who still persist in hanging on, the name of one Mordecai Brown, he of the three talons, should not be overlooked. We recall watching a game in Chicago several years ago where the Three-Fingered event worked against the Giants and wrenched his knecap so badly that he was forced out for a long spell.

MORDECAI BROWN ANOTHER ONE OF THE OLD-TIME STARS WHO PERSISTS IN STICKING AROUND

Former Three-Fingered Marvel, Matty's Leading Rival, After Visit to Minors and Feds, Again Returns to Cubs

By GRANTLAND RICE

On the Bench Side by side on the bench. The Rookie and Veteran sat; Spinning the Old Dope out; Talking of this or that; But each with a yearning eye Looked where a vision appeared; And probing the seat of each, These are the dreams I read—

Then Brown came back to the Chicago Feds. He was merely drifting around. But here, late in the summer of 1914, he is still back at the old stogy, including in a favorite occupation, viz., beating the Giants. Brown deserves a higher ranking upon the halls or walls of pitching fame than he has received. He was one of the best that ever threw a ball—and he is still on the job.

MARSTON PLAYS M'KNIGHT TODAY AT MANCHESTER

Baltusrol Entry Is Gold Medal Winner in Ekwanok Golf

EDDY FINISHES SECOND

MANCHESTER, Vt., July 27.—A field of 112 started in the seventeenth annual golf tournament for the First President's cup at the Ekwanok Country Club yesterday, and Maxwell R. Marston, of Baltusrol, with a steady and consistent round in 77, won the gold medal for low score in the qualifying round at medal play.

They deserve all the acclaim they are getting. But, figured right down, there are now just two pitchers in the realm who have a fair chance to win 30 games—and winning 30 games is the best test we know of.

SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS

By LOUIS H. JAFFE

Benny Leonard has an added incentive to quest for a world title, lightweight champion, and a shot at the Gothenburg title. A knockout victory for the Gothenburg title will enable him to substitute for White in the Labor Day 20-rounder at Colorado Springs against Charley White, who was learned today in a wire from the western promoters.

PRINTERS TO HAVE BASEBALL TOURNEY IN INDIANAPOLIS

Garry Herrmann Cup at Stake in Series Starting August 5

Washington Park, Indianapolis, the American Association grounds, will be the scene of the ninth annual tournament of the Union Printers Baseball League, which will open on Sunday, August 5.

Not to Extend Hawthorne Meeting

CHICAGO, July 27.—A movement to extend the 13-day race meet at Hawthorne was blocked today by the announcement of Tom Carey, owner of the track, that he wouldn't rent the plant for more racing any more this year.

Germano Boys Beat Wayne

A water polo game was held in the Germantown Boys' Club pool last night against the strong Wayne team, the boys 1 high usual winning out by a score of 4 to 0.

Jones, Red Sox Hurler, Weds

CLEVELAND, July 27.—Sam Jones, Boston hurler, will pitch for the Red Sox today, after having pitched for the Pirates yesterday.

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TED MEREDITH TO COMPETE IN BIG STOCKHOLM GAMES

Accepts Invitation of Swedish Association for September Meet James E. ("Ted") Meredith, the half-mile record holder, has notified Fred W. Rubin, of the Amateur Athletic Union of New York, that he has accepted the invitation of the Swedish National Gymnastic Sporting Association to compete in Stockholm on September 23 and 24.

Meredith is training for the national outdoor championships, which will be held in Newark on September 9, and he will be prepared to leave the following day for Sweden.

The Swedish organization has sent invitations to other stars, but as yet the local officials have not decided upon the athletes who could compete in more than one event.

Types to Meet Strawbridge & Clothier The Philadelphia branch of the International Typographical Union will play the Strawbridge & Clothier club on Saturday.

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HEY ROGER! ARE THEY ANY DIFFERENCE - BETWEEN AN UMPIRE AND A BALL PLAYER? SURE! WHAT IS IT? WELL, MOST OF THE TIME - IT'S A DIFFERENCE OF OPINION! YO-HO BOYS!! THAT JEST WAS WISHED ON US BY Mike Kilroy