# RETURN TO FORM OF GEORGE CHALMERS MAY DECIDE 1916 CHAMPIONSHIP IN PHILS'S FAVO CHALMERS'S FIRST VICTORY OF YEAR STRENGTHENS PHILS'S

CHANCES TO WIN PENNANT

### Big Spit-Baller Likely to Regain Confidence and Pitch Great Ball for the Rest of the Season

NO DOUBT many of the fans who attended yesterday's game between the Phillies and Pittsburgh left the park muttering something about its being nearly time George Chalmers won a game, as his victory over the Pirates was the first he has won this season, but Manager Moran and his men do not feel the me way about it. They have been waiting patiently for the luck to break for Chalmers, as his presence on the mound in his regular turn is a necessity to the champions at this time, and that is the only reason Moran has been permitting him to lose game after game.

Moran felt sure that the break would come, and it did vesterday. Chalmers did not pitch a game of ball of which he can brag, but he did better than the score would indicate. Fine support helped him over several tight places, but it also was erratic fielding that caused the big spit-baller's trouble earlier in the

The game itself did not mean so much to the Phillies, so far as the standing of the teams is concerned, as Brooklyn succeeded in downing St. Louis, but the moral effect of the triumph is great. Chalmers is needed badly, if he is right; and we believe that yesterday's victory, his first of the season, will give Chalmers the confidence he needs and that for the rest of the season he will pitch winning ball. If he does come through, the Phillies' chance for the pennant will be increased 25 per cent.

National League players agree that Chalmers is a great pitcher "when he is right," but George has not been right. He does not lack the nerve, as he has proved time and again that he is one of the gamest pitchers in baseball, but frequent defeats early in the season, most of which were due to poor support or lack of batting on the part of the champions, had caused him to lose confidence In himself, and as a result he has been losing games recently which should have resulted in easy victories.

### Chalmers Was Always in the Hole

VESTERDAY'S game was a trying one for Chalmers, and several times it was evident to the spectators that he was on the verge of cracking, but he came back in grand shape, finishing the game in brilliant fashion. He appeared to fear that he was to be taken out of the game every time he got in a hole, as he looked down into right field, where Bender was warming up, and then glanced toward the bench every time one of the Pirates made a hit or he passed a batsman. When he learned that Manager Moran intended to allow him to go through with the game, even though it was lost, Chalmers's confidence came back.

The Philly players, and the fans also, lacked confidence in Chalmers at the start of the game, but after he had gotten himself together and pulled out of a bad-hole in the fifth inning, a different feeling prevailed. While Chalmers's wildness was responsible indirectly for all of the Pirates' runs, he would have had an easy game if it had not been for two errors, one of which does not appear in the

At the start of the fourth inning the Phillies were leading by the score of I to 1, when Chalmers passed Farmer, the first man up for the Pirates. Costello placed a bunt down the third base line with the intention of sacrificing. It was an easy play for Stock, but he made a bluff throw to second, completely overlooking the fact that Costello is one of the fastest men in either league getting down to first base, and the Pittsburgh outfielder beat his throw, being credited with a

This error of judgment appeared to rattle Chalmers and he uncorked a wild pitch, permitting both runners to advance. Johnston brought Farmer home with a sacrifice fly, while Costello moved over to third after the catch. Chalmers was still badly worried and passed Wilson, who immediately stole second. With Harmon batting, it looked as if Chalmers would pull out of the hole, but the big pitcher grounded to Bancroft, who heaved the ball into the stand, allowing both Costello and Wilson to score. Thereafter the Pirates did not score and Chalmers grew stronger as the game progressed.

### Chalmers Should Gain Confidence

THE victory will give Chalmers great confidence, and when he has it there are I few better pitchers, as he proved conclusively in several critical games last season, the most important of which was the third contest of the world's series with the Red Sox, in which Chalmers was beaten after hurling the best game of the entire series. From now until the close of the season Chalmers is likely to be a consistent winner, and undoubtedly will prove the fourth pitcher for whom Moran has been yearning.

While the effect of the victory upon Chalmers is the most important conaideration from a local standpoint, the manner in which the score was tied and the game eventually won also is of great interest. The lion's share of the credit for the victory goes to Paskert, whose terrific home-run drive into the left field bleachers, with the score a tie, gave the Phillies the winning tally, but Wilbur Good, who a few weeks ago boasted of a batting average considerably below his weight, must not be overlooked.

Good was directly responsible for three of the five runs tallied by the champions. In the first inning he scored Niehoff with a long sacrifice fly to Carey and in the sixth inning he tripled, with Stock on second, and then scored the tying run on Whitted's out. Incidentally, Good has been batting at a terrific clip and fielding in a sensational manner since he has been stationed in right field. Evidently the veteran has been misjudged and needs only regular work to show his real ability.

The game was exciting because each victory or defeat means so much to the Phillies, but it was anything but a well-played game, though only one error was recorded. There were two or three errors of omission and the battery errors were many, with both teams offending. The Phils deserved their victory because they had gameness enough to keep fighting when the breaks were against them and because they had the "punch."

### Emslie's Poor Decision Helped Phillies

DITTSBURGH has been beaten two of the three games played during the present series, but the Pirates have made an excellent impression on the fans. The team has improved 50 per cent since its first appearance in this city and Jimmy Callahan deserves all the praise being showered upon him by the scribes and players throughout the circuit. Few managers have been willed a poorer looking team than Clarke left to Callahan, but by taking chances with youngsters and cleverly developing young pitchers, the former White Sox pilot has constructed a strong and hustling team, which is likely to be heard from in another

Callahan claims that Umpire Emslie's decision at third base in the seventh inning, when he called Wagner out on a force play, was an outrage, and that it deprived the Pirates of the game. The majority of the spectators sitting on the left side of the field and in the press box also agree that Emslie erred, as Stock pulled his foot from the bag before he caught the ball. Callahan felt confident that his team would win the series from the champions and is very much peeved over the decision.

Eddie Burns appeared to have a great deal of trouble handling Chalmers's delivery, particularly in the early innings, and it also seemed as if he was calling for too many curve balls. No doubt this was due to the fact that Chalmers had a hard time controlling his fast ball, as it was "sailing" away from him. Later in the game, when Chaimers had regained control, Burns handled the ball much letter, while he called for a greater number of fast balls. Chalmers had a great deal of "stuff" on the fast one, which presages excellent things for the future.

The grand work of the Pittsburgh pitching staff has mystified the fans, as they had never heard a great deal about any of Caliahan's twirlers, excepting Mamaux. No doubt Callahan owes his success to his patience with the young stars. He makes fewer changes than any leader in the game, and as a result the pitchers have more confidence and do not worry about whether they are going to be permitted to finish the game whenever they get in a tight place.

Will Klem declares that it is anybody's race in the National League. He says ill the teams appear to be evenly balanced, and he insists that he never saw a more interesting race.

Dave Bancroft figured in two lightning-fast double plays in the eighth and wh louings, which more than atoned for his wild throw to the plate. His stop of Salrd's drive, with Schultz on first, in the eighth and the rapid relay to Niehoff was the feature of the game.

As a rule, the first signs of the slowing down of a veteran can be seen in his as and throwing arm, according to veterans of the game. If such is the case, Wagner has years of major league service before him. He can still whip the ball arrows the diamond at a terrific clip and moves about as spryly as ever.

### IT HAPPENS IN THE BEST REGULATED FAMILIES



## LEONARD 6-TO-5 **FAVORITE OVER** WELSH TONIGHT

Bets of 1 to 5 That Contender Scores K. O. Are Being Placed

CHAMPIONSHIP AT STAKE

NEW YORK, July 28,-Benny Leonard was a 6-to-5 favorite in the betting over Freddy Welsh, whom he meets tonight in a 10-round bout in the open-air park in Brooklyn. Some enthusiastic Leonard backers were offering 1 to 5 that Leonard will win by a knockout.

Perfect weather prevails today, insuring the bout tonight. It is said that the the bout tonight. It is said that the crowd will go beyond 15,000. General admission is \$1. The seat prices ranged from \$2 up to \$10 for the ringside boxes.

The possibility that the lightweight cham-donship may change hands has aroused remarkable interest in the bout. This will be the second meeting between Welsh and Leonard, and, although the first bout took place more then a year ago. Welsh remembers clearly the lacing he received on that occasion fro mthe clever and hardhitting New Yorker.

Title May Shift

There is just a possibility that the light-weight crown may be shifted to the head of Leonard after tonight's encounter—but litand he has prepared for tonight's bout as he seldom has prepared himself before. Training camps' reports always indicate the glowing condition of a boxer, sometimes with more conventionality than truth, but this time Weish has prepared to stand off Leonard. He recalls the fate of George Chip, who lost his title here to Al McCoy. And just as earnestly has Leonard conditioned himself for many seasons and properties of achieve an American League triumph this coming fall. The bail club that can gather in 90 victorious starts will have all the chance there is to meet National League competition for the main prize at the end of the highway.

Famous Lines

October, But no club will require 100 victorious carry and double exhibition we recall, not so many seasons ago, looking at two men.

Apparently, they were stalwarts before and we never have since seen two such physical specimens. They looked fit to rule on forever in their realms.

Where are they today? One were the physical specimens are they today? One were the physical specimens.

Famous Lines And just as earnestly has Leonard condi-tioned himself for perhaps the best oppor-tunity he will ever have of winning the lightweight championship. For the young-ster, as well as for the veteran, everything is at stake. If Leonard fails tonight he may never have another opportunity to battle Weish. If he startles the pugilistic world by knocking out Weish—and that is the only way he can win the title, except on an intentional foul—Weish may never

want to don a boxing glove again.

It is that championship flavor that makes the bout tonight interesting. Weish is not the type of boxer the fight-loving public flock to see, but there will be a big crowd present, many hoping that Leonard will produce the slave, inducing punch. produce the sleep-inducing punch.

Nearly very boxing follower is familiar with the style of the rivals. Welsh might well be classed the champion without a punch, for he is undoubtedly the weakest punch, for he is undoubtedly the weakest puncher who ever dominated the lightweight field. But he is wonderfully clever, so clever that even Jem Driscoll, who was regarded at one time as the shiftlest man in the ring, could not cope with his skill. Weish is a veteran of many years experi-ence. His punch has been relieved of much of the little power it once carried. so that Leonard will not have to be overwary of the champion's blows. The New Yorker took many liberties with Welsh's punches in their Garden meeting and suffered little.

### Leonard Is Clever

Leonard is an exceptionally clever boy and in addition can hit with tremendous force. It is not long ago that he was ac-cused of carrying horseshoes in his gloves, so hard did he hit one Shamus O'Brien, of Yonkers.

The only handicap under which the local fav-rite will labor is weight. The bout was arranged at catchweights, which means that Weish may have from two to three pounds advantage over his younger antagonist. Leonard is expected to enter the ring weighing a little rore than 133 pounds, and Weish will probably tip the

beam at about 136 pounds.

Leonard did not give up training u-til yesterday, when he pilled stake at Mt. Kisco and prepared to come to New York this afternoon. The youngster is just as hard as outdoor exercise can make any athlate. The tills helder who conditioned athlete. The title holder, who conditioned himself at Douglaston, L. I., never looked better before a fight than he did yesterday afternoon. There was a twinkle in his eye as he went through his final gymnasium work, and he appeared liveller than he has been for many months.

Emerick Signed by the Dodgers MARYSVILLE, Pa. July 28.—Harper Emer-ick star hurier of the Nawport team of the Dauphin-Perry Leadue, has been sizeed by the Brooklyn Nationals. Emerick relies chiefir on speed for his effectiveness, atthough he has good

## NO AMERICAN LEAGUE CLUB WILL REQUIRE 100 VICTORIES TO CAPTURE FLAG THIS YEAR

Red Sox and Tigers Passed Century Mark in 1915, But Team That Wins 90 This Season Will Triumph, Says Rice

big drive which swept them far on beyond the reeling White Sox and which carried both clubs far into the lead.

The two clubs fought along at almost even terms. At the end of the year Boston had won 103 games and Detroit had put away 100 victories. They were the class of the league.

For 1916 Boston lost Tris Speaker, the club's leading star. Moreover, Boston had several of her best pitchers in poor shape for the better part of the first two months. The Tigers were not weakened by the loss of any star. Apparently the club's strength was about the same.

Yet Boston, minus Speaker, has done far better than her main rival of a year far better than her main rival of a year ago. Detroit won 100 games last senson. She will have to arise and move at top speed to win 90 this year. With only 62 games left the Tigers must win more than 40 victories to reach the 90 mark. There is hardly a chance in the world they will bag another 100. To do this they would need an average spin of five out of six until October. But no club will require 100 victories to achieve an American League

ou consider the one best line in the lan-

guage? There isn't any one best line that we ever heard of. And then again t pends upon the angle of one's brow. Here is a good Low-Brow choice: "Hit 'em where they ain't."

"You can't get no base hits with your bat on your shoulder."
"Hit the line hard." "Thehellofitistheyain'thitting."

"A simple liar is he who says he can bet ne way and root another.

Here are a few Higher-Brow choices: "Till Time, that aged Nurse, rocked me o patience."

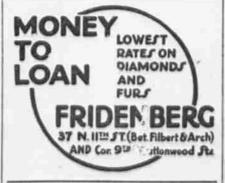
"A voice that was softer than silence. "Dear as remembered kisses after death."
"It seemed like the ceasing of exquisite

"He makes a solitude and calls it peace. "Magic casements opening on the form of perilous sean in fairy lands forlorn." Not knowing the angle of the Reader's Brow, he is at liberty to make his own se

### But Will He?

Freddie Welsh, we observe, is to box hariey White 20 rounds in Denver on Labor Day.

This sounds interesting enough. But Freddie was to box White 10 rounds as long as he believed he could employ his



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### By GRANTLAND RICE

AT THIS date just a year ago the Tigers own referee in case any technical discussions and the Red Sox were starting their sions came up. sions came up.
We wonder if Freddie is thinking up a

new one for the Denver affair-or whether he has made up his mind to take \$13,500 worth of a chance?

Add famous lines: "If I could only of

Matty's favorite author is Stephen Crane It was Crane (Stephen, not Sam) who wrote "The Red Badge of Courage."

There are two race horses named after fank O'Day and Bill Klem. They ought o be able to respond to the jockeys' curs-

### Other Famous Lines

"Strike tuh!"
"To be or not to be." "Got the makin's?"
"Wot's the score?"
"A hop on his fast one."

### The Moving Finger Writes

go one and all."

Famous Jerrys — Travers. —miah. Tom and -

There is an old saying that "you can't keep a good man down." This isn't always true. Connie Mack is a very good may. Yet they are not only keeping him down, but are pounding him deeper in every day.

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# DRIVER OF PACE WINNER FINED A GRAND CIRCU

Gosnell Pays \$100 for 1 Riding Out Third Heat With Single G.

GRAND CHIMES WINNE

DETROIT, July 28.—Some of the and fastest racing of the week's progra, was seen at the Grand Circuit meeting her yesterday. The free-for-all pace, head liner on the day's card, went to Single I which won the first two heats and fin she second to Russell Boy in the third, judges imposed a fine of \$100 on Driver A. Gosnell for not driving out the third in with Single G. with Single G.

In the first heat Single G. went into lead at the haif and held it to the finis with Braden Direct and Russell Boy acclose together a few lengths back that only the judges could place them respectively second and third.

This heat was the fastest of the week, 2:00%, and the last half of it was covered in 58 seconds flat. Single G. led all the way around in the second heat, and although pressed by Braden Direct in the last

though pressed by Braden Direct in the last few rods, won shoulders ahead.

In the third mile Single G. took the lead at the start and held it to the last turn, Here Russell Boy seemed to have more in reserve, and won in a driving finish, with Single G. second and Judge Ormonde third, Grand Chimes, although winning only one heat in the Pontchartrain stake of \$300 for \$2.15 tratters, got the decision under the old 2:15 trotters, got the decision under the old placing system, having the best standing in the final summary.

Box R. took three heats of the Hotel Griswold Stake for 2:10 pacers at \$2000 with ease. He showed his class in the econond heat, taking the going easy to the last turn, where Valentine let him out. Here he left the field at least 50 feet behind ANNUAL CRUISE TOMORROW Fleet of Power Crafts to Enter Bay

> Player Fined \$100 for Striking Umpire MUSKEGON, Mich., July 25.—Louis Duncan, centre fielder of the Grand Rapids Centra League tem, has been fined \$100 and given a worre scoring in Circuit Court here fire pleading guilty to having assaulted the court of the court Shuster during a game between the court of the court Shuster during a game between the court of the court Shuster during a game between the court of the cou

Oldring's Homer Wins in Ninth CHICAGO, July 28.—Rube Oldring's home run with the bases full in the ninth crowned a five-run rally and snatched victory from defeat for New York yesterday. Score, 8 to 6.



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nection with which several important races

will be held. Tomorrow the powerboats will

get under way from the anchorage of the

Keystone Yacht Club, at Tacony on the

Delaware River, and after racing to the

Salem Yacht Club, Salem, N. J., the flotilia

will spend until August 6 cruising and rac-

ing, intermingled with which will be visits

and entertainments at Cape May and Ocean

American Powerboat Association.

affair a gala one.

WILLIAM C. BULLITT, of the Public Ledger staff, now in Berlin, has written an intensely interesting account of how the German is carrying the colossal burden of the war. In a story which has suffered surprisingly little at the hands of the censor, he describes the changed face of Berlin, the quiet indifference with which Germans treat Americans, the non-existence of the alleged "food riots" we have read so much about and the awful, enveloping depression which covers the whole populace. His article is a graphic picture of things as they are, without the slightest regard for what we have previously been told of the internal condition of Germany.

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