

BROWNS' SPURT IS BIGGER FEAT THAN RISE OF JONES'S WHITE SOX AND STALLINGS'S BRAVES

GREAT CROWDS ATTRACTED BY SENSATIONAL SPURTING AND CLOSE MAJOR LEAGUE RACES

After Poor Start Owners Are Making Money, Thanks to Unusual Work of Browns, White Sox, Red Sox, Phillies, Dodgers and Braves

WHATEVER was lost by the owners of National and American League teams through poor weather and lack of interest on the part of the fans earlier in the season is being picked up now, and indications point to a wonderful finish from a financial as well as a playing standpoint.

At the present time the St. Louis Browns are occupying the limelight. The wonderful spurt of the Browns has caused the fans to lose sight of the fact that the three leading teams of the National League are piling up a remarkable list of victories at the expense of the western teams.

Back in 1906 the White Sox under Fielder Jones, pulled a sensational winning streak at this time of the year, going from seventh place to first in less than six weeks, and the fans are wondering whether history will repeat.

In 1908 the White Sox caught the field napping, and the league was decidedly weak that season. The same condition existed in the National League in 1914, the Braves' streak being due more to the fact that the league had been weakened by the raids of the Federal League and the disinterested attitude of the players.

Both the Athletics, champions of 1905, and the Giants, champions of 1913, went completely to pieces the following years, making the work of the White Sox in 1906 and the Braves in 1914 much easier.

Browns Not Favored by Weak Opponents

ST. LOUIS has not been favored by conditions in its sensational streak, the Browns having piled up a string of 14 consecutive victories on sheer merit. The streak was started under most discouraging circumstances. The team was in seventh place; the fans refused to support it, and the scribes were calling upon Manager Jones to release two or three regulars.

By defeating the Red Sox yesterday the Browns crawled up on even terms with Washington for sixth place, and also picked up half a game on the league-leading White Sox, who split even with the Senators. The two victories over Boston, coming right after the clean sweep from New York, which was leading the league when it reached St. Louis, proves conclusively that Jones' team is not a flash, but is likely to continue at a terrific clip for the remainder of the season.

No team has been able to show up the world's champions as the Browns have, and the total of hits off the two best hurlers on Carrigan's staff at the present time indicates that the batting slump is at an end. Perhaps the most remarkable feature of the St. Louis spurt is that it has been accomplished while the team was in the throes of a batting slump. The Browns have been outbatted in a large percentage of the games, and have been winning on grand pitching and inside ball.

Another unusual feature of the spurt has been the fact that Jones has not been forced to overwork any of his pitchers, excepting Dave Davenport, who needs a lot of work to be pulled.

When the White Sox pulled their spurt back in 1906, Ed Walsh, Harry White and Nick Altrock were overworked, while James, Rudolph and Tyler did all the pitching for the Braves in 1914. St. Louis has not been forced to depend upon two or three hurlers, each of Jones' pitchers taking a regular turn. Davenport, Plank, Hamilton, Koob, Groom and Park have been starting games regularly and a relief pitcher is seldom needed. The strength of the St. Louis pitching staff in numbers strengthens the belief that Jones' team will continue at a fast clip even after the streak is broken. If St. Louis can win the pennant after its disastrous start it will be the greatest achievement in the history of the game, as the American League is stronger and better balanced, barring the Athletics, than ever before.

Fans Overlooking Great Work of Phils, Dodgers and Braves

THE spurt of the Browns has caused the fans to lose sight of the fact that the Dodgers, Phillies and Braves are making great records against the western teams. Since returning home, the Phillies have played wonderful ball, winning nine out of 12 games. Ordinarily a record of this sort would enable a team to gain two or three games on another, but instead of gaining on Brooklyn the Phils have lost a full game, because the Dodgers have been playing such remarkable ball. Brooklyn has won 10 out of 12 games played with the West and it begins to look very much as if the Phillies and Braves must stop the Dodgers in September, the other teams not being strong enough.

The Braves also have been playing grand ball, despite the fact that friction is said to have cropped out in the ranks of the former world's champions. Boston has won 9 out of 13 games from the western teams, but has lost ground. It does not seem possible that the three teams can keep up the pace and the opinion prevails among National League players and managers that one or two of the teams will crack within the next month.

If there is any cracking we do not believe it will be the Phils who blow up. Moran's team never looked better than it does at the present time and players of opposing teams insist that the champions are playing better ball, and showing less strain, than Brooklyn and Boston. Several Chicago players say that the Brooklyn and Boston players are under weight and are thinking too much about the game.

Such a condition does not exist in the Philly ranks. Now that Cravath's foot is in good shape, every one in Moran's squad excepting Stock is in perfect condition, and the men appear to be absolutely confident that they will overhaul the Dodgers. Every defeat hurts now, but they do not appear to worry the Philly players. They forget all about the game after it has been played and keep looking ahead. If Brooklyn could do the same it would make the Phillies' task doubly hard, but the impression is general that Robinson's men are worrying too much and that a couple of defeats will cause the team to go to pieces. It is possible that the Dodgers will fool the wisecracks just as the Phillies did last season, but any way one looks at it the Phils are very much in the race, and will continue to be right down to the finish.

Cardinals' Best Pitcher Eliminated for Series

THANKS to Eppa Rixey's brilliant pitching, the Phillies yesterday eliminated St. Louis's most dangerous pitcher, and the champions now have an excellent chance to make a clean sweep of the series from Huggins' team. After getting off to a poor start, Rixey finished up in wonderful style and showed more "stuff" in the last five innings than he has shown at any time this season.

Only sixteen batters faced Rixey in the last five innings and only one hit was made, while almost all of the Cardinals went out on easy chances. The lanky southpaw again showed great control, passing only one man. Incidentally, it was the first pass Rixey has issued in three games, which is a remarkable record for a southpaw, as left-handers are inclined to be wild. At the present time Rixey has better control than any left-hander in the game, and also is pitching better ball than any left-hander in the National League.

The value of control was illustrated clearly yesterday. Rixey's splendid command got him out of trouble early in the game when the Cardinals were batting him freely, while it was Meadows' lack of control that gave the Phils the victory. In the third inning he walked Niehoff and Good and hit Luderus. Whitted inserted a timely single and Hornsby made a costly fumble, Niehoff and Good, who drew the passes, scoring the winning runs.

The Phils' last run also was due indirectly to a base on balls, and the scoring of it amused the large crowd. With Luderus on third, as the result of a single, Bancroft's sacrifice and a wild pitch, Meadows decided to pass Killefer to take a chance on Rixey. The big hurler usually is a mark for a good curve ball pitcher like Meadows, but he fooled the Cardinals by lacing the first ball pitched to right for a single, scoring Luderus.

The Athletics lost their sixteenth consecutive game yesterday, and are dangerously close to the American League record of 20, made by the Red Sox in 1906. It was not a wasted day for Mack, however, as the splendid pitching of Marshall Williams, the University of North Carolina recruit, who relieved Sheehan, promises good things for the future. Despite the failure of the Mackmen to win, the pitchers have been showing splendid form, but they cannot win without runs.

HOW TO FIND LOST GOLF BALLS



CRACK SHOTS SHOOT AT HOLMESBURG TODAY

Charles Newcomb, National Champion, and Others Fire in S. S. White's Test

Holmesburg Junction was the scene of a big registered target shoot today. The cream of trapshooting talent of Delaware, New Jersey and Pennsylvania fired over the traps in the ninth annual target shoot of the S. S. White Gun Club at the Keystone grounds.

Among the prominent shots were Charles H. Newcomb, national single target champion; Platt, of Bridgeton; Plum, of Atlantic City; Martin, of Harrisburg; and Ford and Beacham, of Wilmington. A big representation of local nimrods were present.

Eleven events comprise the program. Ten events are at 15 targets each and one at 50 birds. The last contest—the S. S. White Special—is a handicap event. The winners, rated according to their recent performances, will shoot from a rise 16 to 22 yards from the traps. Considerable interest is manifested in this event among the local assemblage of gunning folk, for it carries with it an honor and distinction which is worth while besides a nice silver trophy.

L. Lloyd Lewis was in charge of the one-day tournament. Two sets of traps were in operation. Sterling silver prizes were the awards of the successful gunners.

NO BIG OFFER WAS MADE FOR HORNSBY

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Lyn procured Hornsby it would about clinch the pennant for them. They are very weak at short field and, with Hornsby guarding that spot in addition to his hard hitting, it would be difficult to head off the leading Dodgers.

"I look for Hornsby to develop into one of the real big-league celebrities and possessing such timber it is only too evident that the Cardinals would entertain no offers for the sale of this youngster.

No Club Has Guisto
As predicted in the EVENING LEDGER, the long hikes across the country to the Pacific Coast League by major league scouts, the purpose of each being to purchase a young man named Louis Guisto, who is first basing and clotting home runs for Portland, went for naught. The Cleveland club announced yesterday that it had "purchased" Guisto for \$4000 in real money and seven players who either are with the Indians at the present time or are in minor leagues under optional agreements.

Unless the Cleveland scouts decided that Guisto was overrated there was not a chance for any other team to buy Guisto, matter how much money was offered the Portland club. Guisto was the official property of the Cleveland team as are all of McCredie's players, according to the "working agreement" between the two owners.

Manager Mack mentioned in the club office at Shibe Park recently that he was making quite a record and it might be worth while looking him over, Mack believing that he could be developed into an outfielder. At the time we reminded him that Guisto was booked for Cleveland, but Connie sent Ira Thomas to Portland. Ira lingered there only for a day or two, having been convinced that there was not a chance for any team but Cleveland to land the sensational youngster.

Risberg Not on Market
Thomas then moved on to Vernon and was instantly impressed with "Swede" Risberg, the second baseman recently purchased by the White Sox. Several clubs thought they had a chance to land Risberg, among them being the Phillies, but Thomas also learned in a few hours that this prize also was not on the market, another "working agreement" spoiling the plans of Mack and Thomas.

The impression was general that Risberg was to become a member of the Phillies, as "Cap" Neal, former scout, claimed to have reached an agreement with the Vernon owners last winter. Jim Naasium, the new Philly scout, was on his way to Vernon when the White Sox announced the purchase of Risberg. With Niehoff playing grand ball in all departments and the reserve strength doing all that is asked of it, the failure of the Phils to land the youngster will not be felt.

"CHICK" EVANS MAY REPEAT BALL AND HILTON'S TRIUMPH

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Merion, Pa., will answer this query in September. Exactly 26 years ago John Ball proved that the trick of winning the leading medal and match play competitions could be turned. Ball that year won both the British amateur and the British open, to the great astonishment of the golf world, who had no idea such an achievement could be put through. Two years later Harold Hilton achieved the same eminent destiny. But so far the U. S. of A. has had no one golfer to offer as a brilliant parallel to Ball and Hilton, the two English stars.

The Third Chance
When Evans comes to Merion in September he will be the last of the great trio to have a clean shot at the double title.

In 1912 Outmet won the open, but he had lost to Travers in the amateur. Last year Travers won the open, but Max Marston eliminated Jerry at Detroit by playing the last 12 holes in 43 strokes, five under four and three under par. Travers had just started coming to the top of his game when Marston struck this unaccountable play, so Jerry's chance to win both events in the same year faded on the thirty-fifth green. And the tough part of it all was that Jerry went down after playing the last 14 holes exactly in par, neither one stroke better nor one stroke worse than par on any one of these holes.

Up to Evans
Where Travis back in the early days and where Outmet and Travers of later seasons failed, Evans still has his chance. Outmet won the open in 1913 and the amateur in 1914, but he was unable to hook both together the same year. Now enters Chick, the last of the "Three Musketeers of American golf," to take his shot at the double-pointed heights.

This Merion affair will be a harder test for Chick than the open was. In the first place, Evans always has been rated better at medal play, largely because he has putted with greater consistency in the former test. Then, in match play, no matter how fine a golfer a man may be, one day's lapse will drop him out. Or, if he doesn't run into a lapse, there is no telling just when he will run against some golfer shooting his balli head off in an exceptional round.

Last year, for example, at Detroit, it was Evans who was the better player in the lead playing from 18 to 21, yet against Sawyer in the forenoon Evans had a 74 and was 2 down! He merely had a stable of local fighters there for bouts this season.

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SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS

By LOUIS H. JAFFE

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Laber Day may find the redemption of Jim Coffey. The Dublin Giant meets the Giant Coffey in that date in Brooklyn, and should win unless he is in the favor of New York's ring followers.

Fred Welsh loves the cone and fowl, and a Jersey farm may find his settlement after his match with Harry White in Jersey Lake. Welsh has an option on a 100-acre farm near Lake Hopatcong, and according to the friends of Fred, Welsh will retire after his White match and look after chickens.

Terry Martin is becoming a popular non-debater. Last year he was called "the name, same title." Now as Terry Martin has entered the field labeled "non-debater" a non-debater must think well of the a feathered opponent and who is thereby picking up more and more confidence with each round.

Kilbane Starts Work for Kilbane
CLEVELAND, Aug. 5.—Johnny Kilbane's training camp starts in Erie, Pa., where he will begin his training in the featherweight division of the ring. Kilbane will be in the ring at Cedar Point on Labor Day. Johnny Kilbane, however, will not be in the ring for ten days. Road work and sparring will be his program, and his four kooky sparring partners are lined up.

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ROBBY, KING OF BROOKLYN, HAS INOCULATED TEAM WITH SERUM OF CONFIDENCE TO WIN GAMES

Portly Pilot of Pennant-chasing Robins Has Pumped Necessary Faith and Hope Into His Present Band of Leaders

By GRANTLAND RICE

ROBBY, king of Brooklyn, developed Marquard into a great pitcher by pumping confidence in the stout Babe several years ago. When Marquard faded out later Robby made him over into another winner by pumping in another supply of confidence.

Robby took Jack Coombs when the Athletics figured him about through, Larry Cheney when Chicago considered him all in, Chief Meyers when New York turned the crowd adrift, and several others who were tagged as has-beens.

Robby inoculated them all with the serum of hope and faith and confidence, and if you care to examine the Standing of the Clubs today you may get a good idea of how careful this same portly citizen of Brooklyn has been.

This Confidence Stuff
Some ball clubs are better than others and some are a little worse. But as a rule there is a greater difference mentally than physically. And by the mental difference we mean confidence and faith in one's ability to win.

It is here that Robby, king of Brooklyn, is at his best. We recall a visit to the Brooklyn bench early in the spring. But we can recall no greater confidence on any club than that of Robby today. "We are going to win sure," said Marquard and Meyers, "and there is the answer." It was one of the largest answers we have ever seen. It weighed 300 pounds, and 300 pounds of it was MAN. His name was Robinson.

The Sixteen-Year Wait
It has been 16 years since Brooklyn won a pennant. Many pitched his first game, or one of his first games, against this flag winner of 1900.

For two years thereafter Brooklyn stayed around the top, but in 1902 the Big Slide started. For 12 years thereafter Brooklyn finished in the second division, shifting back and forth from sixth to seventh place. Now, with the Robins on top and out-hustling at top speed, we find it impossible to believe that Brooklyn fans who write us violent letters for not giving their ball club unlimited space in these daily dispatches. They have it coming. For they have a fine chance to see the Robins in the clubhouse, composed of clean-playing, hard-working athletes, willing to burst an artery for the Big Fellow who is pushing them along.

Brooklyn's Good Chance
Brooklyn today has the best chance in the circuit to win. She has shown her ability to pound the Western clubs into a sorry pulp and to hold her own with the East.

If she can only break even now with Boston, the Phillies and New York, she never will be headed. The only clubs to top her are the last three named. Stallings believes he can turn the trick, and McGraw, with his revised machine, believes his Giants can cut down the Robins lead when the two clubs meet.

But beating Brooklyn in a pinch is no longer the only thing that matters. The Robins are blowing something after the manner of the Braves of 1914 and the Phillies in 1915. You may recall how badly these two clubs cracked under the ghostly strain. Brooklyn is cracking in much the same way. She hasn't any better pitching staff than Boston, but quite a bit better attack, and this means an advantage of no inconsiderable note.

The Other Three
Pat Moran is making a wonderful fight, when you figure that Mayer and Chalmers have been of little use and that Fred Luderus is batting 80 points under last year. Stallings has been handicapped by the weakest hitting in the major leagues. His Braves are batting two points lower than the Athletics, who give three cheers at four or five hits a game.

McGraw was handicapped by a bad start with his pitching in last year, but now that he has added Herzog and Benton he has in many ways the most dangerous club in the league. But whether he can make up the long gap in two months is another matter.

If Brooklyn skids a trifle, the three

Browns Offered \$5000 Bonus to Get First Place Position

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 5. Phil Ball, owner of the St. Louis Browns, who have won 14 successive games, has offered a \$5000 bonus to the players if they reach first place for only a day and a \$50 suit of clothes to each player if the team stays in the first division for three days.

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