

PAT MORAN'S CHAMPIONS AT THIS STAGE OF RACE LOOK GOOD ENOUGH TO WIN FLAG

PHILLIES' MACHINE IS RUNNING SMOOTHLY ENOUGH TO REPEAT VICTORY IN NATIONAL LEAGUE

Pitchers Are Going Well and Have Plenty of Reserve Strength for the Final Test—Hitting Power Is Being Maintained

BEGINNING the final stage of the National League race with the Cincinnati series, the Phillies stand out as one of the three teams that have by far the best chance to win the pennant for 1916.

Time and again Robby has worked too many pitchers in one game and has made the others do too much warming up in the "bull pen."

Dick Rudolph Is One of the Real Iron Men

GEORGE STALLINGS is playing the game correctly. He is working his pitchers in such a way that they are not only getting staid, but they are getting on edge for the final sprint to the finish line in October.

It may appear on paper that Dick Rudolph is being overworked, but he is not. Rudolph is one of the strongest pitchers in the league.

Although the Braves have been handicapped by the absence of Johnny Evers, they have been going at a fast clip, and there really does not seem to be a great difference in the general power of the club.

Phillies Sailing Along at Smooth Pace

WHAT the Braves are doing in the way of conserving energy, the Phillies are doing better. Although the Phils are still in third place, they are not far from the top.

The Philly players themselves do not fear Brooklyn, but they do worry a good deal over the continuous victories of the Braves.

Right now every man on the Philly club is in good shape. Bill Killefer, whose arm was thought to be in such bad shape by the injury he received recently when trying to make a difficult play to second base, is in good form.

All of the Phillies are hitting well enough to win a pennant. All they need do on the offensive is keep up the present pace and they will score enough runs on the average to keep them up if they get the right kind of pitching and general defensive work.

Phillies Have Their 1915 Spirit

THE Philly club is the most family-like baseball organization in the major leagues. If there is any jealousy among the players, no one has been able to discover it.

Clashes, which are common to most baseball clubs, both major and minor, are positively lacking in the Phillies' camp.

Harmony must prevail if a ball team expects to win a flag. Some managers have been able to preserve a sufficient show of harmony by using the iron fist to get away with it.

The Phillies do not look like a great ball club on the field. Some of them are awkward, but they get the results. Luderus, for example, is not a stylish first baseman, but he is playing a marvelous game this season on the defense.

Rixey and Alex in Almost Perfect Form

GROVER ALEXANDER and Eppa Rixey were never in better form. They are now at the crest of efficiency, and the way Demaree, Bender, Chalmers and Mayer are going it is not difficult to see that neither of the big fellows will have to be called on a great deal to do rescue work.

With every man on the club in such good shape and the Phillies winning consistently without sapping any reserve energy, the only conclusion is that they will repeat if the present conditions maintain in the ranks of all the clubs.

May Try to Abolish Tennis Volley

AT ONE of the annual meetings of the United States National Lawn Tennis Association—perhaps not this year, or the next, but sooner or later—one or more members of the old school of tennis players are sure to propose a rule that will neutralize the effect of the service and volley.

A recent issue of the official organ of the association publishes and comments at great length on a letter from a man who was in the first ten for a number of years. This writer proposes that the following law be embodied in the rules of the game:

"That in singles the server shall not be permitted to volley until he has made at least one ground stroke, a half-volley being considered a ground stroke."

American lawn tennis has gone through two periods and is now in a third. The period of the Campbell, Wrenn, Stoum, Davies et al. was one of staidness, with well-placed drives from deep court the basic principle of the winning game and defensive strength important.

Then came the California invasion, led by players with highly developed services and dashing, smashing net attacks. During this era the top-notchers played little defensive tennis, for the backbone of the Californians' game is to win or lose the point on the serve or first return.

Williams and Johnston's Methods Similar

WILLIAMS' methods are somewhat similar to those of Johnston. The main exceptions are that Williams has a stronger service and that he receives his opponent's service on the rise, frequently, when he is going right, returning it for ace.

So it appears that the winning player of today is the man who has the well-balanced game, not just service and volley. In two successive years McLoughlin's highly developed service and net game have proved no match for the experts of the well-balanced game, for Williams beat McLoughlin in straight sets in the final two years ago and Johnston won in four sets last year.

SETTLING UP



OCTOBER IS DATE SELECTED FOR PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT

Fast Field Anticipated for Event—Stevenson Family Accepts Challenge Issued by Meehan Clan

By SANDY McNBICK

THE date for the Philadelphia open championship has been definitely laid over to the month of October, according to the announcement of Francis B. Warner, secretary of the Golf Association of Philadelphia, today.

It was found to be impossible to arrange a satisfactory date this month, and September is so full of events that it would be equally impossible to crowd it in.

Many local fans had hoped that it would be possible to stage the open tourney the last week in August, which would be the week before the national amateur tourney to be held at Merion.

Many of the prominent pros always gather at the course at such a time, and this would have been something in its favor. But the principal reason was that the Philmont Country Club, where the open tourney will be held, had contemplated, according to Mile. Eumor, the holding of an amateur-professional one-day medal bout, and it was figured that this would bring stars such as Chick Evans, national open champion; Jerry Travers, Oswald Kirkby, Max Marston, Bob Gardner and other famous amateurs before the general public for an extra exhibition of what this thing is called "golf prowess."

More Money, Mebbe The Philadelphia open this year is planned to draw one of the fastest fields in its history. It is possible that more money will be added, though the purses now offered are exceptionally generous.

Buxton was something of a grasshopper yesterday. We read how Buxton had to withdraw from the National links as the result of losing his ball after lots of trouble, and then later in the day we read about him riding Folladad to victory in the first race at Saratoga.

As a horseman, we had previously given Buxton a percentage of .000. Hard on the heels of the acceptance of the sweeping challenge to a match for the golf title, championship of the United States issued by J. Franklin Meehan in this column by the Maclean family, comes another acceptance to this office of the challenge. The Meehan clan, so it would seem, will have its hands full taking on the eager families which would do battle for the title.

The letter follows in full: "I notice in last night's Evening Ledger a sweeping challenge for a golf match to all husbands and wives who have four children, male, female or mixed, by J. Franklin Meehan, Sr., the match to be held with the Meehan family, the match to be held at the Philadelphia Country Club, the United States. I am suspicious that Mr. Meehan has meant the challenge for me, knowing that I have a large growing family of golfers."

If so, I accept the challenge, and I will name as members of my tribe, Mrs. W. N. Stevenson, W. N. Stevenson, Sr.; William W. Stevenson, W. N. Stevenson, Jr.; John H. Stevenson and Robert Louis Stevenson. I would suggest that the first match be played at North Hills, the second at the Bala Golf Club, and the third on neutral ground, provided there is

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Tomorrow's Tournament and Today's Tee Talk

Class handicap tournament, 18 holes medal play, Bala Golf Club, 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. Class A, players of handicaps of 4 to 15 inclusive. Class B, handicaps of 16 and over. Golf ball, clubs and golfing gear.

Mixed foursomes, 18 holes, at Whittemarsh Valley Country Club. First round for the Trustees' Cup, at Woodbury, 18 holes, 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. Second round for Eddie Hill Trophy at Woodbury, 18 holes, 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. Third round for medal play, best two of three scores. Low prize and low net prize.

Fifth round of round robin tourney at Aronimink. Qualifying round for club championship of Bala Golf Club, all entrants to play from scratch.

By will power alone, one critic says, the player must put all parts of his body into motion. He must let his feet slip and his hands behind the ball and fully made up his mind to draw the club back.

He must keep under control any movement of the club, and then forward with all the strength of the body. The muscles must be crystallized into a single force behind the ball.

necessary for a third, about which I have my doubts. If the above is satisfactory, I and my clan are prepared to meet the enemy any time after September 15. Now let them bring on their clan. Yours very truly, W. N. STEVENSON.

August 15. The Stevensons looked over the Meehan record in the recent Bala tourney, which was one thing that made them decide not to let the challenge go unmaneuvered. Stevenson and Son also trimmed Meehan and Son at Springhaven and feel that the latter team wants to get back at them.

The Stevensons children range from 22 years to 13. The family is now at Cape May getting preliminary practice. Stevenson, Sr., says he will also take on the Meehan tribe at shooting clay pigeons.

Sweater Bothers One of the best shots played by Mrs. Clarence H. Vanderbeck, United States woman golf champion, when she played this week at Cobbs' Creek with George C. Klauder, was to the fourth green. It is an island hole surrounded not only by much water, but by banks of the most flourishing rough. Mrs. Vanderbeck's shot kicked dead right on the flag.

She had been started at 2 up, so that the shot put her 3 up on Klauder. She won the next, so she was 4 up for 5 holes. Rain fell all afternoon and came down in buckets during the play of the last hole. Klauder squared things there with a par 4 after he had narrowly missed a bird.

Mrs. Vanderbeck experienced much trouble in playing many shots, due to a sweater she wore, which extended in all

parts due to the rain. Klauder showed a marvelous run of chip approaches and approach putt. He was generally dead to the hole, but when he had a four-footer to sink on the difficult greens he seldom missed.

The old shout is still raised about the grass being worn off around the cups, which are moved once a week. The defense is that if the cups were moved oftener, the greens would be covered with bare spots and soon there wouldn't be any greens.

But others contend that if the pins were moved every day, as at the club, the grass around the hole would not have a chance to wear off. The course is said to average about a thousand players a week.

Something of interest is promised in the Ancient and Honorable line next month, when 15-men teams from the Bucks County Country Club and the Bala Golf Club meet for a dinner match.

The first match will be at Langhorne and the second at Bala. Bucks County will be able to give the Bala team a fine match. The team is led off by the Ridge brothers, Charlie Lovett and others of "first sixteen" speed. The dinner will be followed by a dance, which brings into the light John C. McAvoy, president of the Bala Golf Club, golfer and dancer.

With a Broken Arm It was discussing the matches the other day and telling how much he was looking forward to soirees. "You're in fine shape for it," was the comment of his audience, and the "prexy" face grew long as he looked down sorrowfully at his broken right arm in a sling.

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ALEXANDER NEEDS EIGHT MORE GAMES FOR GREAT RECORD

By GRANTLAND RICE

THOSE who have been debating the National League race as a Brooklyn-Boston affair are liable to make the mistake of their oratorical lives by overlooking Pat Moran's persistent Phils. This club has been playing better than May, 1916, than it played after May, 1915.

All through the campaign it has been in an ideal position, never out in front, but always within easy striking distance of the top. Moran in a wise, canny leader. And he has a better machine than most critics give him credit for. With Alexander in such fine condition, he will have the jump on both Braves and Robins when they meet later in the season in such a race.

The Phillies proved a year ago they had the inside stuff to stand the rail. And this season against them through September, when the big splash comes along.

Alexander's Chance

Alexander needs only eight more games to tie his 1915 mark the best year of his career, when he packed away 31 victories. Big Alex is apparently the only 30-game winner left in the big leagues since Matty and Walsh abdicated the throne. It is without any doubt baseball's greatest pitcher now, and if he gets another shot at

a world series we have a bulbous shaped hunch that he will be quite a different Alexander from the jaded star of 1915.

Hunting Trouble Some people will go to any length seeking trouble. Robinson, Stallings and Moran are no exception. For the sole purpose, as it now looks, of pushing their batsmen out against Robins, Luth, Leonard, Foster and Mays.

Dodgers and White Sox Crumple If you will observe the intimate details of the Chicago nor Brooklyn, high leveled two weeks ago as flag contenders, were able to stand up against the main opponent at the crucial spot. This may mean a number of things, and then again it may lead to nothing. Think it over.

Answering a Query Sir—If a base runner bumps into a third baseman and knocks the ball out of his hand, purposely bowling him over, would he be safe? L. F. H.

Not very, unless he was larger than the third baseman. California no longer is bothering about the Japanese problem. The prevalence of a Mr. Richard Norris Williams is now annoying the Native Sons more than all the Japs there are.

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