ATHLETICS HAVE SHOWN MARKED IMPROVEMENT SINCE THEIR LAST STAND AT HOME

WHITE ELEPHANTS' WORK IN FIRST FOUR CONTESTS HERE INDICATES INCREASING POWER

Mackmen Outhit Opponents at Shibe Park Last Week and Carried Three Games Into Extra Periods—Captured One Fray

THE marked improvement of the general play of the Athletics since their last home stay is clearly discernible, even to the most unpracticed eye. That Connie Mack will, as he has often said, build up a powerful team from raw material is beginning to be believed by Philadelphia's most incredulous doubting Thomases. In every department the Mackmen showed up well in the four games played at Shibe Park last week. It is true that they were able to annex but one victory, yet they gave the opposing clubs and the fans a great run for their money.

The increased attendance at Twenty-first street and Lehigh avenue is in itself ufficient to demonstrate that the fans once again are turning favorable eyes on Connie Mack. The first day of the Athletics' return, Thursday, saw a big crowd occupying the stands. On that occasion curiosity was, no doubt, responsible for the unusual clicking of the turnstiles. Many fans wanted to see if the Mackmen had improved and others wanted to get a glimpse of Fielder Jones's people In action after their sensational run toward the top of the league.

So well did the Mackies show up on Thursday that the fans returned on Friday to see if it were really true. They found that it was. Hence, they went again on Saturday, and once more saw a good game of ball, in spite of the fact that the Athletics were ultimately licked by a fairly large score.

Three Extra-Inning Games Out of Four

ANY team that can play three extra-inning games against the Browns going at their present clip and the Detroit Tigers must be playing a brand of baseball that warrants it being classed as a major article.

In these four games the Athletics hit the enemy pitchers safely 33 times, against 27 safe blows that were garnered off the Mackian hurlers. The Mackmen scored 11 runs against 15. The whole trouble was that the Mackmen were not quite as steady in the pinches as their opponents, their efforts being lost on three occasions when a bit more poise would have given them each of the games that were lost.

The thing which struck the average fan most forcibly in the play of the Athletics was the fact that they seemed to be just as well balanced in branches of play as their admittedly better opponents, with the exception of the pitching. When the Athletics got good pitching, they made a great fight, but they looked bad on the recent trip whenever their hurlers went bad. This, however, is true of

A glance at what the Athletics did last week is enough to demonstrate conclusively their increasing ability:

First game-	R.	H.	I.	P.
Athletics	4	7	10	Bush
St. Louis	3	8	10	Plank and Davenport
Becond game-				
Athletics	2	- 8	9	Myers
St. Louis	3	5	9	Davenport
Friday:				
Athletics	8	9	11	Sheehan, Bush and Nab
St. Louis	4	. 5	11	Groom and Weilman
Saturday:	1.2		10-01	
Athletics	3 /	9	10	Johnson
Detroit	6	9	10	Coveleakie

Ty Cobb Responsible for Athletics' Defeat

TTY COBB does a lot more for the Detroit club than hit, run and field his position. An example of his all-around ability was shown Saturday, when he virtually won the game in the tenth by getting Pitcher Jing Johnson so badly up in the air that the young horler was forced to keep his mind on Ty, instead of the batsman. That was exactly what Cobb started out to do when he walked with two men out in the tenth, and it appeared that the game might continue

Cobb absolutely refuses to let the pitchers have any rest while he is on the paths, and that alone has won almost as many games for the Tigers as the actual hitting of the Georgian.

Even in the days when the Athletics had a staff of the most reliable pitchers in the league, headed by Bender, Plank and Coombs, Cobb often won games in this way. While neither he nor any other baserunner could throw any one of that famous hurling trio off his pitching balance. Cobb did win games from them by his actual base running, when he found that his antics created no mental disturbances

Luderus Gives Phillies a Flying Start

IT WAS due to the splendid and effective efforts of Captain Fred Luderus that the Phillies went away to a flying start in their final swing around the western circuit. Ludy made a pair of remarkable fielding plays, one of which

saved one run and the game, while the other saved three scores and the game. When a player is able to rise to playing heights when his services are most eded, then he is invaluable. That is the case with Luderus. He has not been hitting at such a flerce clip this season as he did last, but his hits recently have been coming at a time when hits meant runs. The same is true of his fielding. The Philly captain knows the batsmen well, and is able to make plays, in themselves very difficult, that could not be made without this knowledge.

By their victory on Saturday over the Reds, the Phillies gained a half game on the Brooklyn club, which split even in a double-header, and gained a full game over Boston after the latter's defeat by St. Louis.

Rixey's consistent pitching on the last home stay and his win on Saturday indicate that the Phillies will have by far the best trip of the season from now until the time they return. In fact, it would not be in the least surprising to see them in the lead when they arrive to open a long series with the Brooklyn Dodgers in the great test of the campaign, beginning September 1.

Kumagae Exponent of the Back-Court Game

AFTER seeing Itchiya Kumagae, the Japanese national lawn tennis champion, defeat our own title holder, William M. Johnston, advocates of the backcourt game are rejoicing in a lot of talk whose burden is "I told you so." There have always been adherents of the back-court game, particularly in the East, who have claimed that a really well developed game of that type is better than net play. Of course it cannot be proved which is the better game, as two men of exactly equal ability who play the two styles can never be found.

Kumagae showed, however, that he was able to drive with such sharpness and accuracy that not even the great Californian was able to prevent being passed time and again when he essayed to take the net. The Jap's ability to "cross" Johnston by shooting the ball past him on the side which was most open or to drive a victous "topped" ball at his feet as he came in kept Johnston in the back of the court a great deal during the five sets played in the final round at the Casino, Newport.

The California game is essentially one of the net-storming variety, McLoughlin having been the greatest example of this style of play that ever lived. It is possible that McLoughlin when at the top of his form might have been able to beat the Jap by playing net, but Kumagae's accuracy makes this doubtful. Mac's back-court play when he was at the height of his game was better than Johnstone's, consequently it is likely that a combination of the two games would have beaten the Jap, even were the latter also at the creet of his play.

The announcement that Ping Bodie will become a member of the Athletics will be a big surprise to Philadelphia fans. It was thought when Ping was shunted to the Pacific Coast League by the White Sox that his career as a major leaguer was finished, as all the clubs waived on him. However, he would be valuable in a clean-up position for the Mackmen, who are sadly lacking in this respect at present. With Bodie, Strunk and Schang in the outfield positions Mack will have a hard-hitting band of outfielders, and he will have Jimmy Walsh as a

The victory of the two Philadelphians, Wallace F. Johnson and Joe J. Armstrong, over Griffin and Johnston at Newport in the doubles finals is a great boost for local tennia. Both of these players deserve the highest credit for their splendid play. They went into the tournament to win and played all their watches in such way that they would be at their best when they entered the finals.

The wrestling game is steadily improving in Philadelphia. Under the direction of Jack Roden the matches at Central Park tonight will be the best thing of the kind seen here in a long while. Zbyszko is to meet M. Ignoxx in the final bout. At the last matches there were hundreds of women present, which proves that the sport is really a cosmopolitan one.

The way in which Jack Coembs is going this year is a marvel to many of bis friends hera. It was believed that 1915 would be his last season as a good hurier in spite of the fact that he had a good year. Coombe's one-hit game against the Cubs yesterday does not exactly indicate that he is "through."

WHEN A FELLER NEEDS A FRIEND



GREAT EXTENSION OF SKILL IN GOLF AND TENNIS MAKES COMING TOURNEYS OPEN ONES

astray.

known since late July?

off paper between April and October.

My son, there is a double art in the brief games that we call golf and life.

all traps. The other is learning how to play safely out when the first art goeth

One is learning how to play safely beyond

We understand that Fred Welsh is in

fine shape for his fight with White. Does this mean that White will have no chance at all to catch Freddle, even in 20 rounds?

Maxims of the Nineteenth Hole

By GRANTLAND RICE

TENNIS and golf championships never quit playing on paper on around the 12th than the two to come in August and September. There was a day when you could pick one or two men from the field and forget the others. Now in both games there are four or five who may drop even the champions at a moment's notice. There has been a great extension of skill, and this extension is sure to grow so that some five or six years from now the battle for a golf or tennis championship will be among at least a dozen entries in each sport—and a nip and tuck battle at that.

Lines of Edward S. Plank Has no one told you Walsh was throught That Miner Brown had drifted byt

That even Matty's day was due With shadows spun athwart the sky?

Has no one whispered in your ear
That you have long since passed the prime
That yields to one and all the cheer, Stopped by the ancient master, Time?

Or when Time called you from the mob, And beckoned to you in the game, Were you too busy on the fob To get the signal when it came?

How many youngsters have you seen Rise up and shine and fade away! How many veterans careen From lofty heights that knew their sway?

Altrock and Chesbro-Walsh and Brown, Waddell and Wood-where are they now! And yet today the laurel crown Still presses on your clammy browl

Drift on, Old Top, and hold the track That echoes with resounding cheers; With Fate and Time both driven back I hope you last for ninety years!

We probably will know quite a bit more about the status of the American League race by the time Colonel Fielder Jones and cast evacuate Boston. This series should be what is technically known as the tip-off. Here is another sprightly conundrum to

grapple with: If the Braves have a club batting average of .228 in the National League, what will it be if tossed in against Ruth, Shore, Mays and Leonard? Brooklyn's Test

As for Brooklyn's pennant outlook, here it is in bulk for those who do not esteem unwieldy details:

Eleven games in a row from September 1 to September 12, away from home, against the Phillies, New York and Boston. This fortnight tells the story.

"I only know of one pitcher," says Andy Coakley, "who had so much stuff he could buzz it walst high over the middle of the plate-and then turn the batsman upside down. His name was Rube Waddell."

The East will go out after the tennis and golf championships on friendly soil. But beating Johnston, Gardner and Evans is no light task, even if you entice or in-velgie them into the sun parlor of your own home,

One Answer Here is one answer to the so-called amaxing mystery of the Browns—a pair of pretty good catchers; at least four first-class pitchers; a strong infield and a fine outfield—the punch and the speed. This, plus Fielder Jones.

Erin Responds

"The Irish no longer rule the old game.

-Exchange.
As Old Pat Erie scanned this line
He looked a trifle dazed;
He pondered on the dope a bit
With eyeballs slightly glazed;
And then he straightway went and got
The dope book from the shelf,
And as he turned from page to page

He murmured to himself: "Pat Moran and Carrigan And John McGraw and Mack; Donovan and Callahan

Leading the attack;
Maybe laurel wreaths no more
Crosen the Irish brow,
But who is up there showing all
Those Swedes and Germans how?"
"The White Sox have the best team on
paper," Quite so. But unfortunately they

TITULAR TENNIS FRAY WILL OPEN WITH DOUBLES

Johnston - Griffin Clash With McLoughlin-Dawson on First Day

HOLDERS SHOULD REPEAT

One week from today William M. Johnston and Clarence J. Griffin, the titleholders, will clash with Maurice E. McLoughlin and Ward Dawson, challengers, for the national doubles championship at the West Side Tennis Club, Forest Hills, L. I.

Thus will the championship week be opened with a bang. In former years the challenge round for the doubles titles was always held over until after the singles event was decided. But this made the doubles the climax of the tournament and the singles the ante-climax.

But next week's event will start off with

a flourish, gradually simmer down to the weeding-out process of the first few days and eventually reach the climax when the field is reduced to two men. When McLoughlin and Thomas C. Bundy successfully defended the doubles crowns against the onslaughts of George M. Church

and Dean Mathy in the challenge round at Newport two years ago it marked the first time in a number of years that the holders of the doubles titles retained them. Last year at Forest Hills McLoughlin and Bundy made a game effort to register their third straight victory and gain permanent possession of the championship trophies, but Johnston and Griffin frustrated their

Judging by past performances, then, Daw son and McLoughlin have the dope in their favor. But it is doubtful if the dope can prevail against the real thing, as exhibited by the youthful national singles champion and his goat-herding partner.

Three Terre Haute Players Sold TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Aug. 21.—Three players of the Terre Haute Central League team have been sold to major league teams, according to announcement made by President Webb leggs. Pitcher Ainsworth has been sold to the Chicago Americans. Pitcher Crum and Infielder Mathes go to the Boston Nationals. It s probable that these men, as well as Catcher Wagner, recalled by the Pittsburgh Nationals, will remain with Terre Haute until the end of the Central League season.

American Soccer Players Win American Soccer Flayers Win
STOCKHOLM, Aug. 21.—The All-American
soccer football team yesterday won a game,
S to 2, in the international context with the
Swedlen players, C. H. Spalding left back, of
the Dission Athletic Association, Paliselphia,
and C. H. Ellis, of the Brooklyn Celtics, each
scored a goal. The third American goal was
won by free kicking.
The game was fast, although it was raining
and the ground was slippery.

Averages to Date of Leading Batters

Below will be found the batting averages, including yesterday's games of the leading major league swatters: AMERICAN LEAGUE.

ASIERICAN LEAGUE.

G. AB. R. H. SB. Pet.
Speaker, Cleveland. 112 463 81 157 25 390
Cobb, Detrejt. 108 895 83 414 46 357
Jackson, Chleago. 117 448 69 158 15 353
NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Daubert, Brooklyn. 96 374 61 122 10 326
Robertson, N. V. 102 399 61 128 16 321
Chase, Cincinnatt., 103 383 43 120 12 313

Daubert's loss is a hard blow to Brooklyn, or may be, but suppose some of these teams had suffered what the Yanks have

TWO OR THREE STROKE JINX STILL MAKES TITLE COPPING HARD FOR GOLFER BARNES

Couple of Pesky Shots Still Stave Off Star. Hagen on Top With Vengeance

By SANDY MeNIBLICK

LIRST-CLASS, five-legged jinx are fairly rare, but there is a genuine one following hard on the heels of James M. Barnes, the tall Chestnut Hill golf coach.

Barnes returns home today again squeezed out of a title worth while by the narrowest squeak. This time it happened to be only two strokes that separated him from the winner, Walter Hagen, of the western open championship. Barnes was out this year to regain the western title taken away from him last year by Tom McNa-mara. He was desperately anxious to break through the hoodoo that has prevented his coming out on top in any of the big title conflicts since spring.

But a little finx laid him again by the

It was no doubt the same little jinx that threw mud on his heels and slowed him down when he was speeding at his utmost to catch "Chick" Evans for the national open title this year. He missed by four strokes. Or, perhaps, it was the same little jinx that threw his ball into a trap in the almost equally valuable metropolitan open play-off, costing him a penalty stroke when the ball bounced back and hit him and where he tok an extra stroke to get out, which lost him the title.

One, That's All

He was one stroke to the bad in that premier event, but next came the western, where it was thought that he would finally overthrow his hoodoo trailer. Instead of that Barnes took two pesky little strokes he shouldn't have in all the 72 holes, and his card was not good enough for top place by just that many strokes. Barnes's last chance for a title of mo-

ment this year is the Philadelphia open, to be held at Philmont in October.

The event is open to any one in the coun try, and the fastest field of its history is expected this year, so that Barnes will have all honor if he wins it.

Walter Hagen, ex-national open champion, metropolitan open and western open titleholder, respectively, also fully, is the type of golfer that rolls along the course in a matter-of-fact way, as if to say that it didn't make much difference whether he was licked or not, but he knew he was pretty good and the other fellow would have to go to the last hole for all he was worth before Hagen would cry quits.

Even 4s

Hagen played beautiful golf in the western and never did either half of the course in worse than 36 strokes, except on the afternoon of the first day, when he took 40 strokes. The course is a full shot easier in length than the average course, and there are five one-shot holes on it.

Nevertheless, scoring was very difficult, due to the baking the links got last week in the scorching sun. Hagen had a best ball for his four rounds of 61 shots. He had a bird on one of the par five holes every time he played it. Two weeks from today begins the na- pin. Penalty, one stroke.

The Well-Known Back Swing

The club is brought over and not great he left shoulder in the swing, many simple and the left shoulder in the swing, many simple and the left shoulder will be sail. The club head noints desired close to the left lip, while the left shoulder well down and the right shoulder well left elhow is close to the body, but the like close is well out and level with the lips shoulder. The weight of the body is houlder. The weight of the body and the lips in talls on the right foot, which is anced by the toes of the left fout. At this point the muscles should easily, the eye should be valiantly out and the mind should be unsuited in doubts.

tional amateur tournament, which will held this year for the first time in Page delphia.

An extra force of men is at work ever An extra force of men is at work any day now getting the east-and-west consein shade. Many new golf spots have be added to both courses, so that they are greatly improved. Large sums have be expended on the greens to keep the cours in shape during the crucial heat raging a the Quaker City these days. the Quaker City these days.

Sandy McNiblick-Will you please tel me what is the proper way to out a part that is stymied so that it will rearound the opponent's ball and curve had on the line into the hole? I have tried as days to accomplish the thing with my putter and I am beginning to think it is impossible and I am beginning to think it is impossible. Yet I read about players cutting the stymied putts so that they go in the hole. I am getting to the point where I am fairly good at golf and I want to enter a tournament this fall. They tell me that stymies must be played. I have all kinds of trouble hopping over a ball into the hole, but realize that this shot is a matter. hole, but realize that this shot is a matter of practice, and I can make it about three out of ten times with my mashle. But its putter proposition has got me. Will you please describe the shot to me?

The best club to use in an English shot around a stymie is a cleek, putting cleek or midiron. The shot is one of the most dimidiron. The shot is one of the most di-ficult of any in golf, most players agre-and is used mostly when the opponents ball hangs dead to the cup and the players ball is two or more club lengths away. The ball is sliced to the left, being hit a bairs breadth to the right of the center with a cr

Golf professors advise the player to stant with the right foot nearest the ball and the left foot open. Keep the eye beaded on the ball and carefully calculate the force of the shot.

A tiny swing is the thing. Sandy McNiblick—Does a simple and daily incident, such as knocking a golf bal into the water from the failway, and the falling to find it in the mud, require hat the player go back and play another ball L S. LAMRIN.

Philadelphia, Pa.
Drop a ball on the bank farthest from the



EVENING LEDGER MOVIES-TERRIBLE, SARAH! I'D RATHER HAVE MY JOB THAN TO LEAD THE LIFE YOU'RE LEADING

