EVENING LEDGER-PHILADELPHIA, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1916. THE PHILLIES ALWAYS COME BACK JUST WHEN THE CRITICS COUNT THEM OUT OF THE RACE

PHILLIES' ABILITY TO ARISE TO EMERGENCY MAKES TEAM FAVORITE IN PENNANT RACE

Moran's Champions Always Uncover Punch at Critical Time-Yesterday's Double Victory Changes Outlook

T WAS just at this time one year ago that the Phillies started the final drive that brought to this city the first pennant ever won by a local team in the National League, and those who were fortunate enough to witness yesterday's uble-header with Brooklyn feel quite satisfied that Moran's champions are very much in the running for the pennant.

When the Phillies returned from the West five full games behind the Dodgers the faint-hearted fans had just about given up hope, but they did not figure upon the great "punch" Moran's team always has been able to uncover at the proper time. Those who are inclined to be pessimistic felt the same way after Brooklyn had beaten the Phillies a double-header on Labor Day and followed it up with another victory the following day just one year ago,

At that time the outlook was not nearly so bright as it is today, because Bill Killefer was injured on Labor Day and did not return to the game for the rest of the season. Today the Phillies are in perfect physical condition, have better reserve strength than a year ago and have had the benefit of the experience gained in the September drive that won the pennant.

Perhaps Brooklyn may come back just as strong as the Phillies did last season and Moran's team might return to the miserable form shown in Pittsburgh and St. Louis, but the odds are against such a thing happening. Present conditions and past performances count for a lot in doping out the National League race at the present time, and two things are so apparent that the fans cannot fail to realize that the Phillies look just as good as Brooklyn and Boston, despite the fact that a three-game lead is quite a handicap at this stage of the race.

Phillies Always Uncover the "Punch"

THE Phillies have never failed to arise to an emergency since Moran has han-I died the team, and the men always have played their very best ball just when the pessimists have figured they had shot their bolt. They also must take into consideration that Alexander and Rixey are in much better physical condition

than the star hurlers of the Brooklyn and Boston staffs. As pointed out here some time ago, Alexander and Rixey are each weighing 15 pounds more than they did at this time last season, and therefore they are better prepared, physically, for the grind, as it is becoming apparent that the three leading teams must throw the bulk of the pitching burden on two men. No pair in the league are pitching better or more consistent ball than Moran's kingpins, as was apparent to the 17,000 fans who attended yesterday's twin bill.

On the other hand, the Brooklyn staff has shown unmistakable signs of cracking, and at this time Robinson cannot show two hurlers who are capable of going to the mound out of turn without losing their effectiveness. Pfeffer, the Alexander of Robinson's staff, has lost five out of the last six games and has been batted hard in all of them, which would lead one to believe that the strain is beginning

If Pfeffer really has "blown" history is merely repeating, as this wonderful hurler (when handled properly) went to pieces after the memorable series between the Phillies and Dodgers in Brooklyn early last September. In the last four weeks of the season Pfeffer was of little value to the Dodgers. One would think that Manager Robinson would have learned his lesson, but apparently he did not, as he has ruined Pfeffer for the season because he did not have enough confidence in the rest of his staff or completely lost sight of the fact that pennants generally are clinched in the last week of September and not along in June or July.

Robinson Has Used Questionable Judgment

TF ROBINSON had been content to go along breaking even and just keeping the lead, Brooklyn would be in better shape today. If Robby had handled his staff as Moran has done the Dodgers would look like the best bet in the pennant race with a three-game lead; but he falled to do so, and the team really looks like only an outside chance.

Brooklyn has only one pitcher of the "iron man" type and in shape for a grueling finish, and that man is Larry Cheney, the former Cub, who is pitching the best ball of his career. Cheney, however, is a spit-ball pitcher and cannot be pended upon in a pinch. The rest of Robinson's staff are one-day-a-week pitchers, h a distinct preference for a few particular teams which in the past have proved for them. All things considered, Brooklyn, on the form shown during the last weeks and in this city yesterday, is not likely to stand the strain.

Boston has a team that has been through the grind and proved capable of ding the pace, and with Dick Rudolph, a wonderful hurler for a driving finish, and one or two other pitchers in splendid condition, the Braves are likely to be the most dangerous contender. Neither team looks a bit better than the Phils if Alexander and Rixey can stand the pace, and we believe that they will.

Phillies Outclassed Brooklyn in All Departments

No sporting event in recent years caused greater excitement than the double victory of the Phils yesterday. There was nothing fluky about either triumph, as the Dodgers were outplayed in all departments and were absolutely helpless before the brilliant pitching of Alexander the Great and Eppa Rixey. This pair of star hurlers, who have been carrying the team along for the last month, were at their best and Brooklyn failed to tally in the 18 innings.

By shutting out the Dodgers in the first game Alexander succeeded in breaking the major league record for shut-outs. Yesterday's victory was the fourteenth acoreless game pitched by Alexander this season out of 26 victories, and breaks the record held by Jack Coombs, who pitched 13 shut-out games while hurling for the Athletics in 1910.

It has been claimed that Cy Young once piched 14 shut-out games in a season, but such is not the case. Young's best shut-out mark was 12, made in 1902, while the only other hurlers who have been able to pitch a dozen scoreless games in a season are Christy Mathewson and Ed Walsh, who turned the trick in the same season, 1908. Before the present season is over Alexander is likely to hang up a record that will stand for years unless he breaks it himself, as there is no other hurler in the game at the present time who is likely to reach the present figure.

Pfeffer Given Another Drubbing

THE Phillies batted Jack Coombs and Ed Pfeffer hard, the latter being given one of the worst drubbings he has received this season. The runs scored off Coombs, barring Paskert's home run in the first inning, were unearned, but were due to the fast, aggressive and daring ball played by the champions on the bases.

In the second same all of the runs made off Pfeffer were earned and all of the hits were clean, hard drives. Pfeffer did not look like the same pitcher who was burning up the National League a few weeks ago. He did not have much "work" on his fast ball at any time and weakened noticeably as the game progressed. Pfeffer has lost five of his last six games, and in all of them weakened in the closing innings, which is further evidence that he has just about cracked.

The fielding of the Phillies was sensational and clean cut. Dave Bancroft gave two of the best exhibitions of short-fielding seen in this city in years, while Niehoff, Luderus and Stock were not far behind. In the outfield, Whitted was particularly brilliant, while Paskert and Cravath also took care of everything that came their way, and Bill Killefer caught his usual brilliant game.

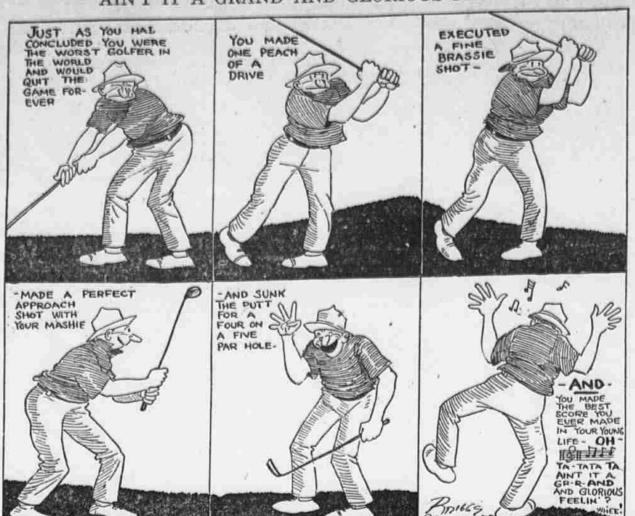
. . . Yesterday the fans were continually applauding Dave Bancroft for his wonderful stops and throws, and while "Banny" is entitled to all the praise showered upon him, the fans should not overlook the fact that Fred Luderus made some markable catches of balls which Bancroft shot across the infield like a bullet. Luderus was picking them out of the dirt, pulling them from the air and reaching In front of the runners throughout the double-header.

So anxious was Whitted to give Rixey another shut-out victory that he took a daring chance in diving for Mike Mowrey's low line drive with a runner in position to score. According to the laws of percentage, Whitted should have played the ball safe with a large lead, but George dived headlong after the ball and caught it about six inches above the earth.

The lack of ginger on the part of the Dodgers after the Phillies took the lead each game was apparent. It does not look as if the Dodgers have as much fighting spirit as the Phils, who never know when they are beaten. The gamest team invariably wins in a driving finish.

There will be no Frank Moran-Carl Morris battle on Labor Day. Just when everything seemed bright for the bout the promoters for some unknown reason stepped in and advanced the date two weeks and decided to stage it in either Denver or Kansas City. The promoters handed Moran his forfeit. Morris received no guarantee from the club.

AIN'T IT A GRAND AND GLORIOUS FEELING



DARK HORSES HAVE CHANCE AS NEVER BEFORE TO QUALIFY AT MERION IN NATIONAL GOLF

Walter Travis "Defies" Fans to Pick Even Half of Qualifiers-Matches Tomorrow

By SANDY McNIBLICK

NEVER in the history of an American golf Henley has there been such a fine chance for a dark horse to creep into the final rounds of the play beginning Monday for the amateur championship of the United States.

The chances are so uncertain of the orime favorites coming through that Walter Travis, Grand Old Man of American golf, the donor of the American Golfer silver trophy, which is being played for today, is openly "defying" the assembled throng to pick 16 of those who will qualify

"There are just about 10 players who are absolutely sure to qualify," said Travis today, "and there are about 50 players who can just be brushed aside without any thought, but what is going to happen to the other 90 odd golfers?"

No One Spoke Out The gathering was silent.

No one took his bet that they could pick even half of the 32 who will stand up to the tee on Tuesday and go for each

other in the match play for the title. was Grantland Rice, a notorious New York sports critic, who has had an easy time of it in the past with such players as Travers, Oulmet and Evans to build on. The principal difficulty in picking the

field this year is due to the qualifying round over the two courses. The east course, of astounding traps, friendly rough, beautiful greens and slopes, presents an entirely different mark for the cracks from the west course, which heavily penalizes the agraying shots, and calls for a tight, tidy, and short little game into the picturesque

The situation there is entirely removed in body and spirit from the shots repre-sented over the parent eastern course. Un-fortunately for the hopes of many in the going, it will be necessary to shoot two going, it will be necessary to shoot two very useful scores over both courses on the same day and with an hour only of reflec-tion in between. It is a bitter prospect to the stars and there is some freuzied think-ing and practice going on in order to do this thing. Another thing that is liable to upset the neat little schemes of the con-testarts in the possibility of rain which testants is the possibility of rain, which will make both courses many strokes harder, particularly the east, where most of the golfers figure on making low enough score to carry them through a not-so-good score on the west links.

Walter Travis greets all the golfers with the same question, "Where are you shoot-ing the best golf scores?" and the answer

is invariably, "On the cast course."

The Same Query

If the experts, ordinarily sure-bets to qualify over a course like the east, should happen to fall down for the one crack they will get on the west, they will be crowded out of the match play altogether perhaps by some dark horses who will enjoy a balmy day over both links and who had not figured on to have a chance. This it is that makes predictions on the winners so

The few real hopes of the tourney may be drawn against each other in the early rounds, or be all in the same half, a thing

rounds, or be all in the same half, a thing that has happened, and then they will have to eliminate each other, by the law of gravitation, or some law like that of physica.

It is not a pleasing prospect for the acknowledged lights of this country's golf, particularly when it is born in mind that not one of the golfers would be here unless he was capable of the fastest brand of golf-This is not one hundred and a half golfers gathered from any one section of the country that the section of the secti gathered from any one section of the soun-try, not an all-comers affair, but a gather-ing of the cream of the talent in all this

ing of the cream of the talent in all this broad land.

Any player is a good bet in this tourney to qualify. The match play, of course, is a different thing, since it requires a tremendous reserve reservoir of energy to come through a 36-hole match every day for a week and win every time. That is

Labor Day Golf Doings

Qualifying round, 36 holes, for the amateur championship of the United States, under the anapiers of the United States Golf Association, at the Merion Golf Club, Ardmore l'lay starts at 8:20 a. m. and last pair nees off in afternoon at 5:15. Thirty-two players to qualify for match play for the title.

One-day tourney, Bala Galf Club, Handleap medal play, 18 holes, Overbrook, 9 a. m.—Handleap medal play, Hunting-on Valley Country Club, Galf ball prizes the entrance fee. 12 m.—Four-ball matches, selected score, the handleap against par, Galf ball prizes, the naturace fee, also at Noble. Four-ball tourney at Whitemarsh. Labor Day tourney, medal play, 18 holes, t Philadelphia Cricket Club, with club andleaps.

8:30 a. m.—Four-ball handleap medal play, Old York Road.

1:30 p. Mixed foursomes, handleap
medal play 0. Y. R.
Aronimink—Match play against par, 18
holes, morning and afternoon.
Woodbury—Putting contest, mixed Scotch
foursome handleap, limals for Trustees' Cup,
ball sweepstakes, driving and approaching
contests in morning and afternoon.

Labor Day events at Narth Hills Country
Club, morning and afternoon.

and it will be interesting to see who they are going to be stacked up against. The gallery tomorrow which is looked for

where the tried-and-true golfer has his day

at Merion is assured of a fine run for its money, for many matches have been scheduled, with a view of satisfying the curiosity of the dear old public, which may not be able to witness the matches on any other

A Fine Squad

It is probable that Max Marston, Chick Evans, Bob Gardner and possibly Jerry Travers, if he is here, will be hooked to-gether to vive the gallery a slight glimpse

The going for the American Golfer tro-

phy will also be very rapid, since it is de-signed for club pairs, and there are clubs in this free country that boast of some extra fine golf twins. Chick Evans and Ned Sawyer, for instance, the Sherman brothers, who won the cup last year; Marston and Van Vieck, who tied but lost in the play-off, and many other

The Saturday afternoon gallery is expected to be very large, and work on the tents for cats, shade and retiring was started yesterday by a prominent canopy concern of the Quaker City. The service will be the same as at the horse shows of this city, and meals will be very fine.

Captain Bill Mournful

Captain "Bill" Fownes was greatly cas down by the failure of his pet project for the East and West matches yesterday. He is a former national champion and was hon ored with the degree of captain over the is a former national coampion and was non-ored with the degree of captain over the eastern forces for the reason that the play last year was the child of his brain, and also for the reason that he makes one of our best golf captains. He invariably captains the Pennsylvania team in the Lesley Ned Sawyer, one of the great western

triumvirate, composed also of Chick Evans and Bob Gardner, arrived too late yester-day to marshal his forces. "Cap" Fownes likes the west course at

"The only thing I don't like about it," says Fownes, "is the fact that it penalizes the shots too much that are off the line. I do not approve of that kind of golf to play in a qualifying round by strangers. It makes the play too precarious, so to speak."

Long Hitter Just Bunts

Jesse Guilford, the long-hitting New Hampshire lad, who has just won the champlouship of Massachusetts, said that he had no rounds much better than 76 and that if

GEORGE CHANEY IS CONFIDENT HE WILL WIN TITLE

Baltimore Lad Believes Time Is Ripe for Finish of Kilbane

LATTER STILL FAVORITE

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

CLEVLAND, O., Sept. 2 .- It's a long land that has no turn and George Chaney is of the opinion that the turn in Johnny Kilbane's featherweight championship will ome that day at Cedar Point, when he declares Johnny is doomed to lose his title to the challenger from Baltimore at Matt Hinkel's fistic carnival, and Chaney doesn't stand alone in his opinion. There are ring fans by the score and hundreds for that matter, who believe that the sturdy, little lad from the East has an excellent chance to gain the honor which Kilbane has guarded so zealously during the past four and one-half years, in their 15-round decision

There's no discounting Chaney's ability. He's a great battler who carries a punch in either hand, has an abundance of science at his command and withal is game to the core and always tried to crry the mixing to the other fellow. Were there no Johnny Kilbane in the featherweight ranks yours as king of the 122-pounders, but there is a Johnny Kilbane and he's monarch of all he surveys in the 122-pound class. That is he has been boss of all the feathers for

cisive victory over the champion I'll join those who have insisted right along that he was Kilbane's master. But I am en-listed in the big show army until Chaney pulls the trick.

Matt Hinkie will be the third man in the ring in the main bout. The semifinal will bring together Luke Gingly and Kid Wolf in 10 rounds, while Cyclone Yelsky and Jimmy Katz will meet in the eight-round curtain-raiser. The show starts at 3 o'clock castern time, rain or shine. Indications point to a big house as Hinkle says that his advance sale is about the \$25,000 mark.

DIGGINS LOSES TO McGOVERN

Veteran Outpointed by Port Richmond Youngster at Cambria A. C.

Freddy Diggins went down to defeat at the hands of Young McGovern in the main bout of the open-air show at the Cambria Athletic Club iast night. During the entire bout McGovern played for the body, and at close quarters worried Diggins with short rights and lefts to the midsection. He occasionally varied his swings to a right uppercut to the chin. Diggins however, did not appear to be phased by these punches, and he always waded in for more. McGovern share fourth and fifth sessions that McGovern share fourth and fifth sessions that McGovern share fourth and fifth sessions that a state of the service of the service

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BASEBALL HISTORY OF 1908 IS REPEATING NOW, SAYS G. RICE. WINNER AT MERION ONLY GUESS

Do With Final Victor in National Golf

As WE have announced in these disthat Cincinnati and Cleveland or the New York Yanks would enter a world series. That being impossible, as it now looks, our next desire centered upon or around St. Louis and Brooklyn. It is always a thrilling sight to see a new entry flounder on up to the heights. If Fielder Jones could steer the Browns into first place it would be worth a world's series trip from would be worth a world's series trip from Boston or Brooklyn or Philadelphia to St. Louis, back and forth, and any one who thinks such a trip is going to be a romp should have his attic repaired at once before it becomes a total loss.

1916 and 1908

The two pennant races of 1916 recall the wild and frenzied finishes of 1908. That year in the National League New York, Chicago and Pittsburgh were all in a lump on the last two days, while Detroit, Chicago, St. Louis and Cleveland were knotted and clotted in the American.

There were seven teams in the hunt then to the final week. Nineteen sixteen hardly will be as spectacular, but there will be at least three National League clubs scurrying together along the September stretch, with at least four American League clubs, and possibly five closely scrambled around the last turn.

You hear a lot about the fine nerve shown in coming from behind. But the greatest nerve there is is required for the front runner to hold his lead. The inces-sant thud of an opponent in one's immediate wake is the greatest soul disturber in the

It is this matter of setting pace that at last has begun to get on the nerves of Brooklyn in the National and Boston in the American. The have felt the warm and woolly breath of their opponents upon their necks for some time now, and the strain is beginning to tell.

The Red Sox, nearly always strong at home, haven't done as well this time on home soil as they did out West, where they won 12 out of 18 games. In place of getwon 12 out of 18 games. In place of get-ting a big jump still further to the good, they lost ground to the leading Western contenders, and now face a long September road trip with the odds badly chopped. We have figured right along that the Red Sox would need a four or five game margin when they started West in order to win. If their margin is cut below this in the next few days the best inside tip available is that a Western club will come through is that a Western club will come through.

Fistic Repartee

To Freddie Welsh said Charley White, I only hope you stand and fight;" Said Freddie, "Don't forget that lay Of him who jabs and runs away."

"Will Cobb catch Speaker?" queries will cook catch Speaker? queries a reader. We put this same query to Ty a day or two ago, and even he was forced to admit the complex nature of any reply. He merely was hoping, he said, with no idea of giving up the fight until a decisive issue had been reached.

Books Pitchers Should Read "The Call of the Wild"-London.

"Arms and the Man"-Shaw. (?) GRANTLAND RICE

Nashville Clinches Southern Flag NASHVILLE, Tenn., Sept. 2.—The Southern Association pennant has been clinched by Nash-ville, which today held a lead of nine games over New Orleans with only eight more games to play.

Upsets Will Have Much to Skirmishes in Both Leagues Similar to Finishes of Those Eight Years Ago

> Who is going to win? The prophst who can answer this query at Merion will be ranked well beyond the Delphie Oracle when that ancient Institution was perating in midseason form, as the say.

ing sometimes is.

Evans or Gardner? Kirkby or Marston?

Guiford or Whitney? Sawyer or who
In 1911 there was a general hunch that In 1911 there was a the hardest man to seat. Hilton won.
In 1912 the championship was figured be-

tween Evans and Travers. Travers won, In 1913 Travers was given all the best of it in the dope. Travers won, In 1914 Travers and Oulment were top.

In 1914 Travers and Oulment were top-heavy favorites. Oulmet won. In 1915 Travers, Oulmet and Evans wers given the call. All three were out of the tournament by Tuesday night. And that was the beginning of the end of the Eternal Dope—as well as the Rule of the Barona. For the Field at last had risen well above on three favorites, and the Nonany two or three favorites, and the Non-combatant at last was unable to make any pick that was not a guess.

Harder Than Ever

If 1915 was a tangle, 1916 makes the guessing harder than ever. Chick Evans is rated the favorite, but even Chick is not as well favored as Travers was in 1913 or as Dulmet was a year later on.

For in 1914 Chick finished only one stroke back of Hagen in the open cham-pionship after a remarkable performance, yet was beaten in his first round at Ekwaok at match play.

So no one knows for a surety yet just what Evans can do at match play, especially if he should meet formidable opposition at the start before he was able to wing out at top speed.

There are too many well matched en-ries this fall to figure any one man as an utstanding favorite.

Chance for a New Name What chance is there for a new name to

be inscribed upon the list of amateur cham-pions Those who have already won are Gardner, Travers, Byers, Fownes, These who have yet to win include Evans, Kirkby, Marston, Whitney, Sawyer, Anderson, Car-ter and Guilford among many others. Judgin from this, the odds are at least 1 to 1 that a new champion will be written down by Saturday night, for those who have

yet to win are a more formidable array than those who have already known the glory of the heights. One of the vets may yet come through,

but the chances are the other way.

Many Upsets

We look for an unusual number of up-sets in this tournament. There are too many on the outside of the championship fringe who are quite capable of beating any one man on a certain day to permit any set prophecy to stand. We still believe that if any one man is to be picked above

the field the name belongs to Chick Evans. But there can be no feeling approaching certainty until the draw has been made Monday afternoon. For the draw in a championship is a bigger part of the final result now than it ever was before.

GRANTLAND RICE

Races at Point Breeze. Tonight

The exciting races and the hugs crowds which attend them have made the Point Breeze Motordrome one of the most popular sporting resorts in the city, fur each race night the gigantic stands which circle the track are packed with speed fame, who delight in seeing the reckless riding of the daredevil cyclista. Four of the best pace followers will battle over the 50-mile course for a \$1000 purse to night. The field of starters includes Hobby Waithour, the world's champion of 1905; Menus Hedell, of Long Island; Grassy Ryan, of Ireland, and George Columbatto, the gritty Italian rider, who has more hard luck than all the other riders put together.





EVENING LEDGER MOVIES-YOUR EXPLANATION, LOUIS, IS ONE THAT CANNOT FAIL TO SATISFY

