# PHILLIES WON THREE STRAIGHT FROM DODGERS BECAUSE OF MORAN'S SUPERIOR SYSTEM

## BROOKLYN LACKS TEAM WORK AND MUST HAVE REMARKABLE PITCHING TO WIN PENNANT

Analysis of Dodgers' Playing Shows That System Is Lacking and Too Many Hits Are Wasted by Robinson's Men

THERE is no telling what may happen between now and October 15. Brook-Iyn may win the National League pennant with many games to spare and also may take four consecutive games from the winners of the American League pennant in the world's series, but that will not convince veteran baseball men that Brooklyn is a championship ball team. Brooklyn is another White Sox, differing only in that it has been handled slightly better, though there is considerable room for improvement in this department.

If Brooklyn wins the pennant, it will do so because it is so vastly superior to Phillies and Braves in all departments that the handleap proves too great for Moran and Stallings to overcome. The Dodgers claim that they would have had the pennant clinched by this time if they had a Bancroft at short. No doubt they would be stronger, but there is something more than a shortstop lacking in the Brooklyn team.

There are greater hitting strength, speed and pitching ability (in numbers) on the Brooklyn rester than on any team in either league, including the allstar cast representing Chicago in the American League, but the Dodgers are not likely to win the pennant unless the Phillies and Braves collapse suddenly.

Brooklyn is very much like the Phillies of old. They remind one of the 1897, 1898 and 1899 teams, and the latter day aggregations of 1911 and 1913. There is nothing that Brooklyn does not have in the way of natural strength, nor was there anything lacking in the Philadelphians in this respect, but those great aggregation never won because there was a painful lack of system and percentage ball, while the combination, which after all is the secret of championship ball teams, was never found.

#### Too Many Hits Are Wasted

ONE must see quite a lot of a team before he is in a position to criticize the manner in which it is handled, as circumstances alter cases. Perhaps Manager Robinson orders a different style of ball when playing other teams, but in two years the Dodgers have shown absolutely nothing but mechanical ball. All players appear to know is to slug, slug, slug, and very little is got out of the large number of base hits made.

If one takes the trouble to glance over the latest batch of averages he will find that Brooklyn is leading the league in batting and stolen bases, and yet, including Saturday's game, the Robins have tallied only one more run than the Phillies, despite the fact that they have made almost 100 hits more and the local team is next to last in stolen bases." Which to our way of thinking shows a painful lack of system.

A western manager was discussing the National League race with the writer about a week ago and he declared that Brooklyn was the greatest looking and yet the worst looking aggregation that ever led a major league up into September. He said that if the Phillies and Braves did not bent out Brooklyn, he would be the most surprised man in baseball, although he admitted that there is more natural strength in the Brooklyn line-up than in any other team in the

The result of today's games, or the final standing, has no direct bearing on the argument, the fact remaining that Brooklyn does not play championship or systematic ball. If it wins the pennant on nothing but natural strength, it will be the first team in the history of the game to turn the trick, and we do not believe that a miracle is going to be performed in the National League again this season,

#### Phillies' System Is Vastly Superior

TN THE double-header of Friday and Saturday's single game the Phillies completely outplayed the Dodgers in all departments. Good pitching, such as that shown by the Philly hurlers, makes quite a difference in the general work of a team, but that was not the reason why the work of the Phils stood out in contrast. Even in defeat systematic play has featured the work of the National League champions, while Brooklyn is helpless when it cannot slug.

The Phillies won the pennant last season because of Moran's ability to get runs for his pitchers when his men were not hitting. He is still getting a greater percentage of runs out of a minimum number of hits than any other eader in either league, and therefore the Phillies are dangerous even when they are not hitting.

Brooklyn got good pitching at the start of every game, but when the break came the Phillies took advantage of it. Brooklyn had numerous chances to force the break, but did not take advantage of them and the natural result was that the pitchers cracked. Despite the fact that Brooklyn has been winning the majority of its games by low scores, the Dodgers fall to play for one run, even when opposed by pitchers of the Alexander and Rixey type. They keep right on slugging, hoping that in some inning or other they will get a cluster of four or five runs. Four and five run innings are scarce when playing pennant ers at this stage of the race, and particularly when a smart on the mound. Still Robinson does not believe it.

### Another Mack Recruit Is Tipped as a Star

THOSE who are worrying about the Athletics' infield problem for next season may get some satisfaction out of a letter received by the writer from a friend in Boston who has handled independent teams in New England for several seasons and whose reputation as a judge of young talent is as good as any scout in the country.

In the letter this party says of a Mack recruit for 1916: "I have just received word that Mack had signed Arthur Shay, the Dorchester boy, who took 'Dutch' Witt's job at third for St. Johnsbury, and let me tell you he has a wonder. I told you about Witt before he broke in and let me say that I will bet my last 'washer' Shay proves even more of a sensation. He is one of those natural born ball players you cannot keep down, and when he reports next season he is going to clinch the regular third-base job the first day out and he will hold it for years. He is the best prospect turned out of New England in years, and that includes 'Dutch,' who is going to be some ball player himself

Charley Ebbets, president of the Brooklyn club, made a speech to his players after the third straight defeat Saturday. He stood on the roof of the visiting players' bench to tell his players that he had confidence in their ability to come back atrong and felt sure they would win the pennant. Ebbets was jeered by the crowd for this undignified action, but you must hand it to the "squire of Flatbush" for his enthusiasm, gameness and loyalty.

Bill Klem, who would rather golf than umpire, is very much peeved because he has not been able to try out the Cobb's Creek course. Every time Bill plans to spend a Sunday on the local links, something interferes. The king of umpires had planned to play about 26 holes yesterday, but was called out of town and has postponed his initial appearance at Cobb's Creek until later in the season.

Despite three horrible exhibitions in the West the Phillies are still second in team fielding in the National League. The Braves are leading, but if the Phila could wipe out their six poorest days in the field, allowing the Braves to do the same, Moran's champens probably would be ahead in this department. When the Phils make errors they make them in bunches, as was only too apparent in Pittsburgh and St. Louis.

Consecutive winning streaks seldom are due to a pitcher's individual brilliancy, as is proven by the Cheney and Davenport streaks. Both men have been pitching brilliant ball, but Cheney was saved three times while compiling his record of eight straight, while Davenport has been batted out of the box twice, but he is still unbeaten. No record for consecutive victories should be placed on the books unless the pitcher finishes all his games.

. . . "Tub" Spencer, the greatest come-back in the history of the game, all things considered, is catching grand ball for Detroit, and his handling of the pitchers, throwing and hitting have been largely responsible for the great spurt of the Tigers. What a pity it is that Spencer did not take better care of him-

One hears guite a lot about "the bardest position on the team," each star generally admitting that the position he plays is the hardest and most impariant, but the fact remains that 21 shortstops have been used by the eight National League teams and three of them are still trying them out.

# WILLIAMS ONLY EASTERN SURVIVOR IN TITLE TENNIS

Philly Star Meets Griffin in Semifinals at Forrest Hills Today

#### JOHNSTON PLAYS MURRAY

WEST SIDE CLUB, FORREST HILLS, N. Y., Sept. 4 .- A week ago today 128 men began in the 26th annual national tennis hampionship on the turf courts of the West Side Tennis Club, and today the four men who have survived the five rounds played will clash in the semifinal.

At 1:30 p. m. R. Norris Williams, 2d, of Philadelphia, titleholder in 1914, will meet the popular goat herder, Clarence J Griffin, of San Francisco. These two have met three times previous to today, and each time Griffin has had a little something on the Philadelphian and won out.

Williams has played an in-and-out sor of a game during the championship fray, fropping sets to Watters and Clothier. But he has always pulled through in fine shape and, aithough "Feck" has his goat, Wil-liams yows he will regain it today.

The other semifinal, at 3:30, will bring together R. Lindley Murray, hero of Saturday's matches, and William M. Johnston. of San Francisco, Murray, a transplanted Pacific coast star, plays tennis in the most approved California fashion, with service and not attack more highly developed than Johnston, who depends principally on his remarkable forehand drive. Murray defeated Church on Saturday at

ne latter's own game. He was quick in getting to the net, and although he did not; make as many or as sensational "gets" as Church, he was far more accurate than the conqueror of McLoughlin and Kumagae

#### BUXTON GETS FLYING START

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said one of the fans in the gallery wher Gardner laid on his first drive and voleyed it all the way around the bend, right in the middle of the fairway. He was at least 20 yards ahead of Hamilton K. Kerr, Greenwich, with whom he played. Gardner's only slip on the first few holes was a badly pulled brassle to the second hole. Chick Evans was going fine and feit very cocky ahead of the gallery. He shouted greetings to all the golfers around the course and then walloped the ball out from

tween its ears. Max Marston, Baltusrol, and one of the hining lights of the tourney, played the vest course with the dark horse. W. S. Greening, Lampton, Can., who is picked by his fellow Dominionites to whip the field rly breeze that tampered with the long

The first to withdraw from the tourney were Cornelius J. Sullivan, Garden City, and Charles V. Benton, Hudson River, both

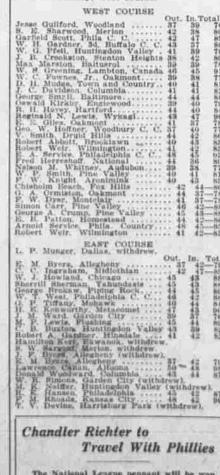
and Charles V. Benton, Hudson River, both widely known golfers.
Cameron B. Buxton, Huntingdon Valley, the local champion and best hope of the city to do things for its golf "rep," was in fine shape. He started out well, playing just ahead of Gardner. On the second hole he laid on his pill with great vim and drove as far as Gardner, one of the longest hitters in the country, who followed him.

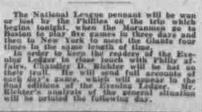
The stars were sent off right on the ball from the first tee, where were gathered many of the officials of both the United States Golf Association and the local association.

Word came over from the west course that Frank W. Dyer, a former Penn student playing from Montelair, had shot a 78 on the other side. Milton Kneiffer, one of the local stars from Huntingdon Valley, was obliged to withdraw before the tourney be-cause of a hurry call. He is a physician. J. F. Beyers, Allegheny, was another widely known player locally who had to

Frank Dyer had a 41 going out and a 37 for the home holes. He started off early on the east course. Dr. Simon Carr, Pine Valley, one of the best Philadelphia playera was way off his game with an \$8 on the west course. George Crump, the only local player to qualify last year, also had an \$8. The summary, west course

WEST COURSE







# WELSH IS FAVORITE OVER CHARLES WHITE

Afternoon at Colorado Springs

COLORADO SPRINGS, Cot., Sept. 4. - The stage is set for the world's lightweight cham-plonship match between iTtleholder Fred Weish, of England, and Charley White, an Englishman by birth, but who is representing Uncle Sam here this afternoon. The contest is scheduled for 20 rounds, with a referee's decision, if the bout goes the limit, at the end. Billy Roche, of bout goes the limit, at the end. Billy Roche, or New York, will officiate as third man in the

Ten to seven are the prevailing odds here this morning, with Welsh on the long and. The champion's plans for victory are to outhox White for the entire 20 rounds, while the Chinescon's followers are pulling for him to win by a knockout. Charley has proved himself the hardest punching lightweight in the country, but if he falls to land his "trusty" left hook Welsh in all likelihood will be declared a winner on points. Before having breakfast this morning, shortly after 9 o'clock, Welsh and White each stepped on the scales, with the Indicator at the 130-pound mark. This was the welght governing the contest and neither moved the beam. They looked in fit form, and veteran followers of the ring predicted that the match would be a great battle from the opening gong until the climax. White and Welsh have battled three times battle from the opening gong until the climax.

White and Welsh have hattled three times since Welsh ascended the lightweight throne, and teh champion this morning deciared he has little fear from White's left hook. "I know how to defond myself against that blow," he said.

Welsh will receive \$13,500 for his scheduled 60 minutes in the ring this afternoon and White has been promised \$4000. Welsh also has been granted 51 per cent of the motion-picture privileges and will get 50 per cent of every cent over \$27,000 taken in at the gate.

Welsh and White were put under the tape by the official physician of the club, Dector Lennox, with the following results:

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Becker Regains Lead in A. A. CHICAGO, III. Sept. 4.—Beals Becker, of Kansas City, has regained the lead in the Astrica Association for the Astrica Astrica and the With Menosicy, Minneapolis, in hone runs with 11; Altizer, Minneapolis, in runs scored with Ex. and Kansas City in team hitting with 272.

# CAPTAIN MATHEWS IS READY FOR SEASON

Titular Tilt Scheduled for This Penn Football Leader Arrives From Chicago in Perfect Shape—Is Optimistic

> Captain Neil Mathews, of the 1916 Pennsylvania football team, has arrived in Philadelphia to begin the season's work. All summer Mathews has been taking special work at the University of Chicago and has kept in condition by working at the Chicago Athletic Club and playing golf."

Mathews and Bob Folwell, the newly ap-cointed coach of the Red and Blue, will hold a conference some time this week. The call for candidates has been issued and the first of the men will show up on Franklin Field on Monday afternoon. "I believe that we will have a good year,

sald Captain Mathews this morning. "I am sure that Folwell and I will agree on virtually all matters pertaining to the make up of the team and the style of play. On the whole, we should have one of the best elevens that ever represented Penn."

#### Fred Welsh in Frame-up With White, Is Report

A REPORT was around in New York last night that the Freddy Welsh-Charley White fight for the lightweight championship, to be contested at Colorado Springs, Col., this afternoon, will not be decided on its merits. REPORT was around in New York last Springs. Col., this afternoon, will not be decided on its merits.

The source of information is considered reliable, inasmuch as the informant has been connected with the fighting game for more than a generation.

According to the report, Charley White, the challenger, has biaced a guarantee that he will not kneck out the champion. It is further alleged that White will forfeit this sum if he stops the champion, and that it will be returned to him if the bout goes the limit and Welsh is adjudged the victor by Roche.

The informant alleges that White has determined to "idouble-cross" Welsh and will attempt to knock out the champion if it is within his power to do "so.

The following telegram was received from The following telegram was received from Harry Pollok, manager of Welsh, late last night:

"COLORADO SPRINGS, Col., Sept. 3.— Story of "frame-up" absolutely ridiculous and could only have found birth in the imag-ination of some victous trouble-maker. The story is not only untrue, but unfair to Welsh, White, Nate Lewis and myself.
"HARRY POLLOK,"

### SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS By LOUIS H. JAFFE

Tonisht's match between Al Nelson, the Word Jimmy McCabe, the Harp, at the Olympili be the Hallan's first match of two this. Friday night be will pit his skill sigains orgie, Blackburn at the new open-air Wash than Sporting Club, and West Philly fans probley will see a real rip-sagrting scrap.

One of the first newcomers from New York

Bebby Calhoun will be back in the bening game this sussen as official announcer of the National Athletic Club. Robert Howe has been keeping his vocal cords in shape as the man besind the megaphone at Point Breeze Park. He also has been doing lifeguard duty at Clem-oston, N. J.

Robert Maxwell Covers Kilbane-Chaney Bout for Evening Ledger Fans

# METROPOLITAN DISTRICT GIVEN PALM BY WISEACRES TO TAKE NATIONAL GOLF TITLE AWAY

Several New Yorkers Favorites Against Field and Westerners in Particular-Anderson's Record

By SANDY MeNIBLICK

TOBLE impetus will be given Philadelphia's supreme chance to place a local well up in the running for the amateur golf championship of the United States, or else wet, wet water will be thrown on this city's

chances at Merion today.

If five or six of the city's best players qualify and the pairing tomorrow is favorable, there many be a chance for the long prayed-for golf sunshine to beam on this All the preliminary argument is being

thrashed out today over the 36 holes at Merion. Not till the dark hours of the night will the result of the qualifying round be known; that is, who has won the medal and who will be the 32 to pair up in materiplay for the title.

Meantime the contest has been narrowed down by the dopesters to a battle between certain delegates of the Metropolitan district and a select due from the west.

There is scarcely any shouting over the chances of a Philadelphian linking in the finals or even the semi-finals. A few of the radical local rooters are willing to take the short end of certain eminently "sporting" propositions that a Quaker golfer will come far down in the match play.

But the out-of-town fans here to witness the play and crane their necks in the midst of the galleries will mostly all take the cudgels for the western ambassadors, pro-vided they are not just in from the metro-

solis of New York. In that case they will have it that a netropolitan district golfer will be the

The field from this district in the going today is so strong, despite the absence of Jerry Travers, that all the palms bend that way. Oswald Kirkby, Metropolitan champion, is playing the best game of his star career this season. He is playing his shots with the essence of technique and the nicest

He holds the New Jersey State championship, besides other honors, and is the pride-in-general of the district this year. He is backed in his sectional efforts by Max Marston, who was the prime favorite last year after he beat Travers. Marston has shown a fine schedule of golf in the favoring present the property of the favoring present the took at five days' preliminary rehearsal he took at Merion. He started off slowly enough and seemed off on many shots.

Pointed Gradually

But he has quickened up his game with each rising sun so that he reaches the actual play for the title in the pink of

Reggie Lewis, another New Yorker, came here for the national heavily touted as one of the three strongest players of the dis-trict, and his work, both off of the tees and through the fairway, has opened the eyes of all those that have followed the play of

Gothamites in the practice rounds.

John G. Anderson, finalist last year, ranks as the chief "known quantity" of the entries from that section and his steady play makes him again this year one of the most dangerous contestants in the whole tourney. There are about six other metropolitans with a fine chance to qualify and they will do mighty things in the weeding process of the match play, according to

their backers. The western contingent, on the other hand, has the present title-holder, Bob Gard-ner, and the open champion of the United States, Chick Evans. With these two golf bound to be an argument to the easterner who would oust them. The only difficulty which presents itself is the possibility that the two may be drawn against each other, and then "there was only one."

Ideal Champ But-

Despite the fact that Gardner is every-Despite the fact that Gardner is everywhere acclaimed as the ideal of a champion, for his grace of style, for his length
off the tee, for his beautiful, easy, lengthy
iron execution, and for his handsome putting, he is not given much of a hand this
year to retain his title.

This is not due altogether to the finger
which he infected while golfing and which
he is obliged to wear in bandages. It is
due to the fact that at Merion he will
have to keep his long drives straight or
he will be in the worst of trouble.

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He will have little chance to make use of his wonderful long iron shots, and the beautiful greens at Merion will not put any tremendous premium on good putting. Many think that Evans will wade right through the field this year to the title. He is conceded to be the best amateur medal player in the country, but at match play, aside from the western matches, he has many times had a sad time of it. If he wins the amateur it will be the first time the open champion has won the amateur in the same season.

But calling the turn in golf is one of

But calling the turn in golf is one of the hardest of occupations, and perhaps the last reason stated against the chances of Evans may be just the reason that he will upset the dope this year.

Best Ball-High Ball

Best Ball—High Ball
Yesterday's play-off for American Golfer trophy between John G. Anderson and F. H. Hoyt, Siwanoy, against Gardiner White and M. P. Lewis, of Flushing, brought out a brand-new record in golf, according to Walter J. Travis, donor of the trophy, and Grand Old Man of American golf.

Anderson did not shoot a single one of

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pair of experts went out in the roomy ner ures of 45, which included a 6 and a 7, "It is the first time in my memory that a star has failed to make par on one

out of nine in any competition," said Travis The best ball of the pair was \$1, which for a pair including a national finalist, was "some golf." One thing that is thought by his friends to have upset Anderson is the fact that he was opposed to the play-off being on Sunday. Anderson did not seem to get into the going until he pulled on 10th hole, one of the most startling shots of the play at Merion.

He drove into one of the big pits at the summit of the fairway and needed an ex-tra long, high shot to get home. From the depths of the sand in the trap he called for his wooden spoon. The gallery crowded around and was flabbergasted when the ball rose out of a cloud of sand, high in tair, and rallied on the green.

Anderson got a 4, just missing a bird, and for the rest of the half the couple only had one 5 as their worst figure on any of

Takes It Easy

Bob Gardner, whose only task this week will be the job of hanging on to his crown as national champion despite the pawing figures of the golfins elite of the land, took easy yesterday to give his "lame" finger all the chance in the world to be lir

today. Frank W. Dyer, champion of Pennsylvania, and a former Penn student, is getting his meed of attention from the wiseacres at Merion for the reason of his noble stand in the metropolitan open tournament, when he was the only amateur to figure at all and where he led off the field for the first day's work. This is his first national effort today and he could give any player in the tourney a good run if he continues the good work of his practice rounds now behind him.

In the play-off yesterday at Merion there was a shot made by M. P. Lewis on the fourteenth hole which brought considerable amusement to the gathering. Lewis sliced off the fairway into the road, but came back in bounds behind a rock. He ad-dressed his bail and then barely waited to hit before he began to run as fast as he

could go to one side. The ball caromed off the rock, flying high in the air. It landed about where Lewis's head would have been and drew up further back than it had been before he hit it. Lewis did not see the ball at all and began a fran tic searching around for the little pill he had walloped so tremulously. Reuben Bush, champion of the South, will bear lots of watching this week. His shots

are astonishing the fans.

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