

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. Brooklyn 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 the Phillies and Braves in all departments that the handicap 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 roster than on any team in either league, including the all-star 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 Philadelphia in this respect, but those great aggregations 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 the players appear to know 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 beat 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 league.

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

IN 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 leader 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 fail 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 contenders at this stage of the race, and particularly when a smart pitcher is 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 1917: "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 next summer."

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 again and felt sure they would win the pennant. Ebbets was cheered 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 Phils could wipe out their six poorest days in the field, allowing the Braves to do the same, Moran's champions 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 upset of the Tigers. What a pity it is that Spencer did not take better care of himself 10 years ago.

One hears quite a lot about "the hardest position on the team," each star generally admitting that the position he plays is the hardest and most important, 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 36th annual national tennis championship 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 Philadelphia and won out.

Williams has played an in-and-out sort of a game during the championship fray, dropping sets to Waters and Clothier. But he has always pulled through in fine shape and, although "Peck" has his goat, Williams vows 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 net attack more highly developed than Johnston, who depends principally on his remarkable forehand drive.

Murray defeated Church on Saturday at the 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 Kumagai.

BUXTON GETS FLYING START

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One of the fans in the gallery when Gardner laid on his first drive and volleyed 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 brain to the second hole.

Chick Evans was going fine and felt very cocky ahead of the gallery. He shouted greetings to all the golfers around the west course, and then whalloped the ball out from between its ears.

Max Marston, Baltusrol, and one of the shining lights of the tourney, played the west course, and best hope of the city to do things for his 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 heels of the first two, where they were ordered 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 Montclair, had shot a 78 on the other side. Milton Kneifer, one of the local stars from Huntington Valley, was obliged to withdraw before the tourney because of a hurry call. He is a physician.

J. P. Byers, Allentown, was another widely known player locally who had to withdraw.

Frank Dyer had a 41 going out and a 37 for the home holes. He started off early on the east course, where he was playing Pine Valley, one of the best Philadelphia players, was way off his game with an 88 on the west course. George Crump, the only local player to qualify last year, also had an 88.

The summary, west course:

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WHEN A FELLER NEEDS A FRIEND



WELSH IS FAVORITE OVER CHARLES WHITE

Titular Tilt Scheduled for This Afternoon at Colorado Springs

COLORADO SPRINGS, Col., Sept. 4.—The stage is set for the world's lightweight championship match between the Englishman, Fred Welsh, and the American, Charles 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 New York, will officiate as third man in the ring.

Ten to seven are the prevailing odds here this morning, with Welsh on the long end. The American, who is a native of New York, has been in the ring for the entire 20 rounds, while the Englishman's record is 10 wins and 10 losses.

Before having breakfast this morning, shortly after 9 o'clock, Welsh and White each stepped out for a walk in the morning air. The Englishman looked in fine form, and veteran followers of the ring predicted that the match would be a great battle from the opening round until the climax.

White and Welsh have battled three times since Welsh succeeded the lightweight champion, and the Englishman has been victorious in all three. The first fight was a 15-round affair, and the second was a 10-round affair. The third fight was a 10-round affair, and the Englishman won by a knockout in the 10th round.

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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 McNIBLICK
NOBLE 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 may be a chance for the long prayed-for golf sunshine to beam on this city.

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 match play for the title.

The Odds
Meantime the contest has been narrowed down by the doppers to a battle between certain delegates of the Metropolitan district and a select duo from the west.

There is scarcely any shouting over the chances of a Philadelphia finishing in the finals or even the semi-finals. A few of the radical local rooters are willing to take by storm the high odds against them, but the odds are so high that a Quaker golf 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 are all eyes for the odds for the western ambassadors, provided they are not just in from the metropolis of New York.

In that case they will have it that a metropolitan district golfer will be the winner.

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 Kirby, 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 touch.

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 has been the favorite last year after he beat Travers. Marston has shown a fine schedule of golf in the five days' preliminary rehearsal he took at Merion. He started off quickly 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 fettle.

Reggie Lewis, another New Yorker, came here for the national heavily touted as one of the three strongest players of the district, and his work, both off the tee 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 wedding process of the match play, according to their backers.

The western contingent, on the other hand, has the present title-holder, Bob Gardner, as the open champion of the United States. Chick Evans, with these two golf mastodons to act in the role of "lead off" men in the other-side contingent, there is bound to be an argument as to which of them would outshine the other.

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 everywhere acclaimed as the ideal of a champion, for his grace of style, for his length of 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 bandage. 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.

He will have little 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 walk 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, he has been beaten by a number of men who have won the title in the same season.

But calling the turn in golf is one of the hardest of occupations, and perhaps the last reason that Evans will have to upset the dope this year.

Best Ball—High Ball
Yesterday