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ST. LOUIS' BESPECTACLED TWIRLER ONE OF THE GREAT, BUT UNRECOGNIZED, PITCHERS

LEE MEADOWS, OF CARDINALS, MOST OVERWORKED TWIRLER IN EITHER OF THE BIG LEAGUES

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Spectacled Pitcher Has Been Sent Into Fifty Games for Club Out of Race by Huggins and **Apparently Has Lost Effectiveness**

MANAGER MILLER HUGGINS, of the Cardinals, cannot understand why Henry Lee Mendows, his spectacled hurler, cannot win ball games any more, and he also wondy, why it is that the Southerner has weakened in the closing innings of at all of his games since the first of August. Huggins may discover the on one of these days when this youngster, who does not have to play ball for a living, turns in his uniform and goes back to South Carolina.

If Manager Huggins would take the trouble to look over the pitching records would find that this youngster, who does not weigh more than 160 pounds at the present time, has been in more games than any pitcher in either league. A more careful observation would show that on many occasions Meadows has been on the mound three consecutive games, one of which was a full nine-inning

some of the giants of the game, or men with reputations for doing "iron man" duty, might be able to go through what Meadows has, but we fail to observe any other pilot sending them to the mound duy after day. If the Cardinals were in the race or fighting for a first division berth, there might be some excuse for Ruggins working Meadows so hard, but St. Louis has not a chance even for a first division position.

From what we have seen of Mendows, we would say that he is a youngster who should be loafing about, putting on weight at this stage of the race, considering the Cardinals' position. Meadows's normal weight is about 170 pounds, and being underweight, the overwork is not going to do his arm any good. It would be an excellent thing for the Cardinals of 1917 if Meadows was allowed to go to his home for the winter rest weighing about 170, as he undoubtedly would pick up about ten pounds more before reporting in the spring and would be fit for the "iron man" role imposed upon him.

Meadows Has Worked in Fifty Games

MEADOWE'S start against the Phillies yesterday was the fiftleth game he has been in this season. As the schedule calls for the Cardinals to play nineteen more games to complete a 154-game schedule, it is certain that Meadows will have the "honor" of pitching more than one-third of the games for a second division team that was virtually out of the running at the first of June.

National League players, including many of Moran's team, declare that dows is losing his "stuff" simply because he has been worked too hard. The majority of the players we have talked with contend that Meadows had the best fast ball in the league in May, and that he has it only for four or five innings now, as his arm is tiring under the strain.

It is an old adage in baseball that plenty of pitching will enable a man to get control, and Huggins believes that Meadows would not be so wild if he works Therefore the spectacled youngster is in the "bullipen," pitching his arm more away, even when he is not called upon to enter the game. We believe that if a count were taken of the number of balls pitched by Meadows in actual games and warming up it would surpass any record the game has known-even those of Jack Chesbro in 1904 and Ed Walsh in 1908.

Star pitchers are at a premium at the present time, and if a major league would take the trouble to look over a few of the so-called minor league manager "sensations" he would realize how scarce they are and would nurse his best bets for another year. It is said that Meadows contemplates retiring after the present season any way. If that is so, Huggins may be figuring on getting all out of him that is possible, but even that condition is an injustice to Meadows,

Meadows Weakened and Phils Won Sensational Game

TT It fortunate for the Phillies that Meadows has been overworked. Otherwise it is likely that the National League champions and the wonderful Alexander would have gone down to defeat at the hands of Huggins's team yesterday afteron. By winning the Phillies gained half a game on Brooklyn, which divided a double-header with Pittsburgh, and held their advantage over the Braves, who were held to a draw in the second game after having won the first.

Meadows had a three-run lead at the end of the fifth inning and had pitched beautiful ball, but he could not stand the pace, the Phillies winning a sensational and very important victory. Meadows's sudden loss of the "stuff" on his fast ball was noticeable from the stand, while he tipped his curve ball off in the closing

The manner in which the Phillies won the game was sensational, to say the least. After a rally had been spolled by Bert Niehoff, who was caught napping off second, the Cardinals held a one-run lead until one Phil had been retired in the ninth, when Moran's fighting team came from behind to win a most spectacular

It was fitting that Niehoff, who, in addition to being caught napping off second, had made a fumble that was directly responsible for one St. Louis run, should have supplied the drive that tied the score and sent Paskert to third base with the winning run in position to score.

The Phils Prove Their Gameness

WILBUR GOOD, pinch-hitting for Catcher Jack Adams, who relieved Eddie Burns, opened the last half of the ninth with a single to center. Manager foran decided to allow Alexander to bat, as the Nebraskan has been hitting at a terrific clip, but "Alex" went gut on a fly to Butler. The fans were moving toward the gates when Dode Paskert almost tore a leg off Jack Miller with a line drive. The ball carromed into left field for a single and Good went over to third. The St. Louis infield came in on the grass to cut off the tying run and Paskert nediately stole second. Nichoff then redeemed himself by smashing a terrific drive over Butler's head to the center-field bleachers. Good scored easily, but Oscar Dugey, coaching at third, wisely stopped Paskert at that base, realising that there was only one man out and virtually no chance for a double play with Nishoff on second It was up to Stock, and he came through with another long smash, scoring Paskert with the winning run. Stock's drive cleared Long's head and bounded to the bleacher wall in deep left center. Stock was credited with only a single, but had it been necessary he could easily have reached third. Local fans have the pennant fever and gave the Philly players a great ovation as they left the



WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA FOOTBALL TEAMS APPEAR TO HAVE MUCH STRENGTH

State, W. and J. and Pitt Doing Hard Work Preparing for Approaching Season-Surprised Every One Last Year

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

LOOK out for the Western Pennsylvania quite an upset in the grandoldope last year and, judging from re-ports from that sec-tion, some more sur-October 21.

October 21. Coach Haritow was a big surprise last year. Taking charge of the team for the first time, he walloped Penn, but lost to Harvard and Pittsburgh. This was a wonderful record for the first year out and with bis added experience, he should do event better this fail.

and, judging from re-ports from that sec-tion, some more sur-prises are likely to be sprung. Penn State is laboring daily at State College; Washington and Jefferson has been working more been working more than a week at Wash-ington, Pa, and the University of Pitts-burgh candidates are even^a better this fall. Sol Metzgar has developed some high-class elevens in the past, but he will have a hard road at Washington and Jefferson. Metzgar succeeded Bob Folwell, and it will be quite a task to keep the team up to the usual Folwell standard. Many of the voterans have been lost and the sub-stitutes are not promising. burgh candidates are in the mountains, roughting it at Camp Hamilton, Wimber, Pa. Three years ago. Bob Folwell lead his Washington and Jef-New Haven put on a

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situtes are not promising. However, it always is darkest before dawn at Washington, Pa., and W. and J. will put out a strong team as usual when the season opens. Many of last year's reg-ulars are missing in the line-up, but a score of excellent substitutes are on hand to take their places. Metzgar has a good system to work on and it will produce regults. Washington and Jef-ferson team into New Haven, put on a battle with Yale and departed with an 0 to 0 score to his credit. The nest year, W. and J. proved it was no fluke by walloping Old Ell, and last year the Blue again hit the dust. Penn State also stepped into the arena in 1914 by playing Harvard off its feet and losing out by Harvard off its feet and losing out by one point. The score was larger last year, but the Crimson scored only a technical victory, penalties robbing Harlow's men of at least two touchdowns. results.

Cobb's 4 Out of 5 Cuts Tris's Lead to 12 Points

SPEAKER'S lead was reduced by one-third yesterday, when Tyrus Raymond Cobb went on a batting rampage and pounded out two sin-gles and two homers out of five visits to the plate, while Tris stood help-lessly by and contributed but one safety in four times up. Cobb boost-ed his mark from .364 to .369 and Speaker dropped from .382 to .381, and Ty incidentally cut Tris's lead from eighteen to twelve points. Jackfrom eighteen to twelve points. Jack-son made one out of four times up and lost a point. Cobb made four runs and reached the century mark in tallies. Hornsby, Daubert and Wagner all lost ground.

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KILBANE IN 20-ROUND BOUT

Weight Must Be 135 Pounds at 9 o'Clock Insists Englishman

DENVER, Col., Sept. 13 .--- If Johnny Kilbane really wants a crack at Freddie Weish over a championship distance he can have it for \$15,000.

"Kilbars can have a twenty-round fight with Welsh under the same weight condi-tions as White fought him, 135 pounds at 9 o'clock on the day of the fight." said

WESTERN ATHLETES HAVE SHADE ON EASTERN RIVALS IN BIG EVENTS OF SEASON, SAYS RICE

Occidentals Had Three Out of Four Survivors in Golf and Tennis Finals and Look for Even Break in Baseball

By GRANTLAND RICE

I. SUMMING up the intersectional year -that is, the East against the West-that is, the East against the West all the West all the League, with the West ahead in the American the vital statistics give the West all the better of the debate. While R. N. Wil-The Red Sox are now the sole a chance to finish first and they are now the throes of a foreign invasion that a roll them back. Detroit, finishing at he where the Tigers play at top speed, has best of it in the advance statistics, and a less Carrigan can wage another changed the Tigers fairly are sure to win. liams won back the laws tennis crown from California, even this achievement doesn't

alter the situation. "The East," says one writer, "gets an even break, for an easterner won the ten-nis championship and a westerner won the golf championship." But in all fairness, tossing partian prejudice overboard, the East hasn't-an even break by any standards at all

West in the Lead

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We first will take up the tennis cham-pionship. Williams, an eastern player, won. But in the semifinal list, three of the four survivors were from the West, or rather they were players trained in west-

rather they were players trained in west-ern ways. Outside of Williams the other three were Johnston, Murray and Griffin. For one section to have three out of four men in the semifinal rounds about officies the vic-tory of the lone easterner. Or if it leaves his section a margin, it only leaves a nar-row one. It speaks for a higher general standard of play to have three men out of four among the last four to survive than it does to have one man win.

In Golf

In golf there can be no argument. There were two eastern players and two vrestern players in the semifinal tilt. But the two western players moved on to the final set-tlement, leaving the East without a repre-sentative in the closing championship match

The esteemed Robbins now are looking the miscreant who counted them out the pennant race. Col. Robinson, the m darin in charge of the Brookiyn troos. his men were due a brief slump, and a having the same out of their systems, move forward to the old homestead arrive in time to entertain the Ameri League survivor. match. In 1909 two western players fought out the final round. In 1919 each section had a final entry, in 1911 there was Herreshoff, from the East, against Hilton, of England. In 1912 there was Travers, of the East, against Evans, of the West. In 1913 and 1914 the East had both finalists, Travers against Anderson and Travers against Ouimet. In 1915 each section had a man. Now, for the first time in saver years, the West had exclusive control of the cham-pionship match, in full possession of both the open and the amateur championships. This may be the case. We quit attempting to dope the National League race sum the Glants won two and lost thirses turned around to win nineteen and lost ret and then hit the shoals again.

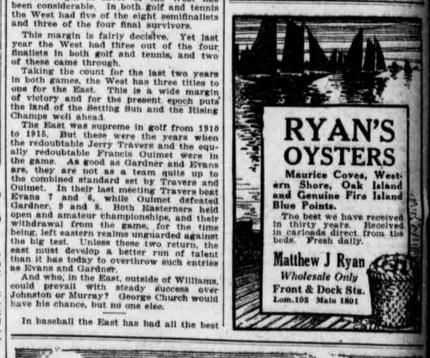
Stiff Drill for Crimson

The Cobb-Speaker campaign now in come down to the closing stages of in stretch. Ty never has failed in the is over a nine year span, but there mum co an end some day to his reign. It remains to be seen whether he can rally assu-speaker as he railed against Lajen a Jackson in other years. The odds a always in favor of the champion until faity is beaten. Cobb still has his chans and unless Tris railies sharply and have no opening, the Georgian is likely to plus on through.

We know of sixteen major learns as clubs that are heavily desirous of adopting Freddle Weish's method, where they re take their own umpires along. It sous like a good system, if you can get b with it.

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Considerable Margin Considerable Margin The margin in favor of the West has been considerable. In both golf and tennis the West had five of the eight semifinalists and three of the four final survivors. This margin is fairly decisive. Yet hast year the West had three out of the four finalists in both golf and tennis, and two of these came through. Taking the count for the last two years in both games, the West has three titles to one for the East. This is a wide margin of victory and for the present epoch puts the land of the Setting Sun and the Rising Champs well ahead. The East was supreme in golf from 1910 AMERICAN LEAGUE

WELSH WANTS \$15,000 TO MEET

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Harry Pollock, Welsh's manager, fore leaving Chicago. "The p Welsh's end must be \$15,000." price

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Alexander Looked Better Than Ever In Closing Innings

ALEXANDER THE GREAT got off to a bad start, errors and infield hits helping the Cards to their three runs, but after the third inning the Nebrasian was invincible. In the last six innings Alexander showed more "stuff" than at any time in the last month. The Cardinals were absolutely helpless, and the three hits made in these sessions were due more to luck than anything else.

The Nebraskah's curve ball had a wonderful sweep, and he proved beyond ibt that the defeat at New York was due entirely to the fact that he had one of the off days all great pitchers encounter, and he is ready for the drive down the stretch. Alexander's splendid showing yesterday took a weight off the minds of fans, who were inclined to believe that the drubbing in New York might have been due to the fact that the star huffer was beginning to feel the strain.

Other pleasing features were the back-stopping of Eddie Burns in the early ings and the fact that Jack Adams, who seldom has been called upon this Reason, proved that he also is capable of handling any of Moran's pitchers. Adams was not in the game long, but he had more confidence than he has shown at any time this season. It is only the same old story of some Philly player always bobbing up to make good in an emergency.

The rumor that Bill Carrigan would retire as manager of the Red Sox after the present season should be taken with a grain of salt. No doubt Carrigan is allowing the impression to become general, but there is a method in Bill's madness. The fans should recall that Carrigan is working under the same contract he carried when he was appointed manager of the Red Sox. Also that it runs out this season, and Bill might just as well start the bidding on his new contract how as later in the winter, when all other desirable managerial positions are filled.

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tre was an unpleasant feature connected with vesterday's some that should not be repeated in the near future. Young Jack Smith, the Cardman outfielder, did into third base in a manner that did not make much of a hit with the Philly big with one foot waist high, and Stock just got out of the way. Then Smith projected the decision, was put out of the game and threw a handful of dirt in Umpire Byron's face. The youngster had better learn to curb his temper.

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Pitt to the Fore

Then cdme Pittsburgh-a team that was Then came Fritsburgh a team that was occasionally heard of but seldom seen. Gienn Warner was taken from Carlisle and in one year Pitt jumped to the foremost rank and was tied with Cornell for the championship of the country. The team made such a showing that Bob Peck, the brilliant conter was placed on the first brilliant center, was placed on the first team of Camp's All-American and Herron was one of the ends on the second eleven.

Pitt won every game on the schedule, in-cluding the Navy, Penn, Washington and Jefferson and State. An effort was made to arrange games with others in the "big six" this year, but nothing was done. War-ner's team apparently looks to be too strong for them. There is no doubt but that Pitts-burgh now is on the football map.

burgh now is on the football map. The big game of the year will be played with Penn in Pittsburgh on October 28, and the team will be trained up to this con-test. Pitt won, 14 to 7, last year, but it will not be so easy this year. The Red and Blue is out to stage a comeback and some lively doings will occur in the City of Smoke.

Able Substitutes

Williamson, captain and quarterback or Williamson, captain and quarterback on last year's team, has graduated, and six other letter men will not be back. This is not such a severe blow, as Warner has a flock of very good substitutes to fill the vasancies. No freshmen will be avail-able this fall, as the one-year rule has gone into effect, but the first year men will be used to strengthen the scrub throughout the season. Captain Bob Peck will be at his old in

Captain Bob Peck will be at bis old job at center, Fry, the punting fullback still is on the job, Herron and Carlson will take care of the ends and Sies and Stahl are expected to do great things on the line. The schedule is a hard one and many substitutes will be meeded to earry it out. Plitt meets the Navy. Syracuse and Penh-sylvania in a row, and after a week's rea-tion of J will be played. The first game is with Buffalo on September 30.

State Looks Strong

Dick Harlow has a bunch of promising material up at State and the outlook for



Gus Zeigler, one of the best line coaches in the country, is working at the Univer-sity of California every day, and, with Eddle Mahan and Head Coach Andy Smith. a developing a fairly good team out there. Gus is pleased with the West and boosts it considerably in the following letter:

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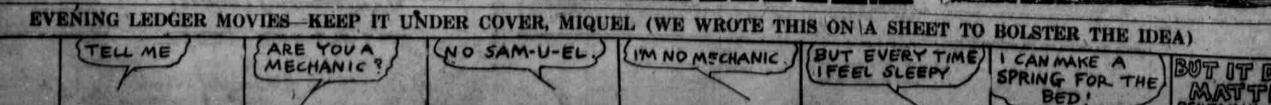
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