BROOKLYN INCREASES LEAD AS PHILLIES SHOW SIGNS OF CRACKING UNDER STRAIN

PHILS MUST BRACE IF THEY HOPE TO FACE CARRIGAN'S WONDERFUL STAFF IN SERIES

Red Sox Virtually Have Clinched American League Flag, But National Race Is Still Very Much of a Mystery

T LEAST one-half of the world's series will be played in Boston, but the dreams AT LEAST one-half of the world's series will be played in Boston, but More the Hub city fans for a series similar to that of 1905, when the two Chicago ams met in the blue ribbon event, were shattered when the Braves again went down to defeat at the hands of the Reds yesterday. The Red Sox, champions of the world, by sweeping the series from Detroit, virtually clinched the American League title, however, thanks to the Athletics' victory over Chicago.

Mathematically it is possible for the White Sox or Tigers to overhaul the Red Sox, but the chance is so slim that President Lannin, of Boston, probably is at this moment making arrangements with President Haughton, of the Braves, for the use of the wonderful Braves' Field for the world's series. And it cannot se said that Boston does not deserve its success. It came from behind and bught a game battle against great odds, proving itself one of the gamest and best balanced teams developed in years.

The smooth, consistent, machine-like play of the Red Sox was the feature of the 1915 race and history has repeated, as there is no question that both the Tigers and White fox are stronger in natural playing strength, but Rowland and Jennings falled to perfect team play as smooth as did Carrigan. It is the same old story, system and teamwork winning out over brute strength.

Perhaps it may seem a trifle early to award the honor to the Red Sox, but a glance at the remaining schedule should convince one that nothing but a frightful slump, such as a well-balanced team seldom encounters, can defeat Carrigan's world's champions. Boston has eleven more games to play, three with Cleveland, four with New York and four with the Athletics. If the White Sox should win the eight games scheduled with New York and Cleveland, Boston would have to capture only seven of the eleven games scheduled with teams that have no chance for the pennant to finish on even terms with Chicago. It is not likely that Chicago can take all of its remaining games, and if one is lost Boston needs only six victories out of eleven games to earn a tie, which is a cinch for a team with five great pitchers, all in perfect shape.

If Dodgers Win Southpaws Should Beat Them

REGARDLESS of which team eventually wins the National League pennant, the entry from Tener's league is due for an awful battle. Boston has proved that it can go out and get two or three runs per game off the best pitching in the American League by playing the "old army" game; and if it can get three runs per game in the world's series, the National League entry is going to find it pretty hard to overcome such an advantage facing the pitching of "Dutch" Leonard, "Babe" Ruth, Ernie Shore, Carl Mays and George Foster.

We might be underestimating Brooklyn or overestimating the value of Boson's pitchers, but it is our opinion that Brooklyn would not have a very good chance to win the world's series from the Red Sox. If Brooklyn remains at the head of the National League, it is a 3 to 1 bet that Leonard and Ruth will pitch all but one of the games for Boston; and after seeing the Dodgers bat against Rixey and following the work of Robinson's team against southpaws of mediocre ability, we cannot see much hope when it faces two portsiders like Carrigan's stars.

The Phillies have been a most erratic team throughout the season, but Moran's team is the National League's strongest entry for a world's series. It is virtually certain that Alexander the Great will be in better shape for world's series pitching than he was a year ago, and if he could hold Carrigan's team to three runs in two games in 1915 he should have the Sox at his mercy this season-providing

As a rule, left-handed pitchers prove easy for the Phillies and while Leonard had the champions at his mercy last fall, we do not believe he could repeat his performance. The Phillies also would use a different style and some of the errors of judgment would not be repeated. But the most necessary thing at the present time is for the Phillies to overcome Brooklyn's large lead.

Phils Best Chance Is Schedule Advantage

DLAYING as they did yesterday, the National League champions will be lucky to finish second; and if it were not for the schedule we would be willing to admit that the Phillies are just about through. So long as Moran's men retain the ability to arise to an emergency and play brilliant ball in an important series, they have a chance for the flag, especially when one considers the three series Brooklyn must play after today's game with St. Louis.

The Dodgers are scheduled for double-headers with Chicago tomorrow and Monday and a single game on Tuesday. If Joe Tinker makes good his boast and can take even two of five, much less the series, the Phillies should be able to start the pennant-deciding battle with the Dodgers on Wednesday on even terms or so close to it that two victories out of three games in Brooklyn would put Moran's team in the lead.

After Brooklyn finishes with the Phillies the Giants must be met in four ames, and unless McGraw decides that his team has done enough damage to leaders it is hard to see how the Dodgers can get better than an even break with the wonderful New Yorkers. Yesterday the Giants won their sixteenth straight victory, and for the Phillies' sake we hope the streak is unbroken when New York meets the Dodgers in the final series of the season. A world's record broken and the prospect of hanging up a mark that probably never will be beaten will at least assure the fans that the Giants will play their best, which is more than is expected.

Champions Play Another Weird Game

THE Phillies have a tremendous task ahead and must go at a terrific clip for the rest of the season. Another day or two like yesterday will just about eliminate Moran's team. A heart-breaking ninth-inning defeat does not hurt as much as the loss of a game like that of yesterday. When a ball team is beaten because the other team gets the breaks or wins on its merits the defeat is forgotten, but an exhibition like Moran's men gave against the Pirates lingers in the minds of the players and serves to destroy both confidence and fighting spirit.

Five errors of commission, all inexcusable, were chalked up against the Phils yesterday, and there were just twice as many of omission. the Phillies played poorer ball. Some of the plays were so stupid that the fans caned, while others were made in such a manner that they were due either to carelessness or because the champions are feeling the strain. The errors of seion were made on easy chances, while the other misplays consisted of falling to watch base runners, standing idly by while fly balls fell safe and taking foolhardy chances on the bases when nothing could be gained if the chance

Paskert's attempt to stretch a double into a triple with his team four runs chind in the eighth inning was an example of the poor base running. If Paskert had reached third safely, it was of no particular value to the team, as he could score just as easily from second on a hit, and one run was not doing the team any good. If Paskert had remained at second, a rally might have been started, but when he was nailed the Phils lost the ginger that they managed to retain throughout the nightmare. It behooves the Phils to wake up and fight hard. They still have an excellent chance, and the fans will continue to have faith in the team until it is mathematically impossible to win.

Western scribes are amazed at the impliovement of the Athletics and are now lling to admit that they believe Connte Mack will come back and much better than the fans believe. The Mackmen have batted at a terrific clip in the West. and it is only a question of time before the proper combination is struck, and these base hits will not go to waste. The victory over the White Sox yesterday made a great impression on the fans in Chicago, and after seeing the heretofore helpless lackmen battle the pennant-contending Sox, they are convinced that the Athletics will be in the fight in another year.

A few of the fans were unkind enough to jeer Whitted when he fumbled Hinchman's grounder, permitting two runs to score. This was a great injustice, as Whitted has been playing wonderful ball and is today the best all-round ball player in the National League.



SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS By LOUIS H. JAFFE

With the reopening of the Lincoln A. C. West Philadelphia, tonight, seven boxing clube will be in operation in this city. Georgie Decker, promoter, has arranged a good card with two evenly matched featherweights, Al Nelson and Willie Hannon, paired off in the star scrap. Both boys are in splendid shape, Nelson having put finishing touches on his preparatory work for the encounter by boxing three exhibition rounds with Champion Johnny Kilbane at the Troc last night.

The Nonparell Club, Kensington's fistic em-portum, will get into the 1916-17 campaign Fri-day, October 8. Lou Balley again will be match-maker, and he has booked Larry Williams and Homer Smith, heavyweights, for his first feature fray.

Philadelphia matchmakers are not trying to develop hoxers is the explanation of a local trainer relative to the scarcity of star talent in this city. "No hoxers have been 'made.' says the trainer in question, 'since Fred Douglas dropped out of the game and Lou Bailey quit stasting fifty-two shows a year. Then there is too much competition among the promoters, with the result that out-of-town boxers—some supposed stars—are brought here and take away a lot of good 'sugar' after putting up miserable houts.'

Happy Davis, the veteran featherweight, has been putting himself in shape preparatory to a return to the ring. Happy admits some of the present crop of feathers are pretty good beares, but he says be still is good, and wants to prove he can hold his own against any of 'cm.

A report from Pittsburgh this morning states that Harry Palmer, who appeared here in several matches, died at Fredonia, N. Y. from kidney trouble. He was taken suddenly lil last Sunday night. Palmer was a good puncher for a little fellow, but he lacked sufficient aggressive-

Billy Gibson, of New York, will chaperon Big lim Coffey here tomorrow morning for his set-ton with Gunboat Smith at the National Club with Gunboat Smith at the National Club response to the Comment of the Comment says that will gother the con-says that when the Dublin Glant score puncher than when the Dublin Glant score series of knockouts in this city two years are. Coffey has undergone strict training and has become much faster by boxing with his stable mate. Henny Leonard, The Frankle White-Terry McGlovern smithnal should result in a good ap-petizer for the final fray.

Joe Bradley, the minature southpaw singer, is a new acquisition to Vito Colonno's stable.

HAVRE DE GRACE ENTRIES FOR TOMORROW

First race, for maiden fillies, two-year-olds, selling, 5 furiongs—Bootles Haby, 112: Tinsel, 112: Charmingly, 112; Supernal, 112: Lady Bob, 113: Malting Moments (imp.), 112: Glorine, 112: Marsallais, 112: Black Vote, 167: Zinnia, 112: Velouf, 112, Second race, four-year-olds and up, sicepla-hase, selling, about 2 miles—Marcheourt, 143; Abdon, 142; Bachelor, 159, *Prijoles, 138; Race-rook, 143; Aberfeldy, 184. Third race, two-year-olds, handicap, selling, twictings—Hanobaia, 16; Almes T., 105; Mirza, 108, 108, 108; Precise, 95; Sky, 104; Pourth race. Sandal, 103.

Fourth race, for three-year-olds and up, the Havre De Grace Handleap, I mile 1 furious. The Finn, 129; Roamer, 128; Strombol, 123; Borrow, 118; Flittergold, 107; Spur, 116; Short Grass (imp.), 118; IDaddy's Choice, 85; Rayberry Candle, 115. † Emil Herr entry. Fifth race, two-year-old maidens, 5 furious. Fifth race, 115; Dattle, 115; Mattle, 115; Mattle, 115; Mattle, 115; Friendless, 115; Friendless, 115.

Potter and Chinese Clash Tomorrow POTTER A. A. has booked the Chinese for a struction at Front street and Eric avenue or tomorrow afternoon in what the Chinese by is their last appearance in the East for royaga. Apau and Marks will be the battery or the Orientals and Estine and Larry will ork for Potter.

Stetson to Play Pottstown Pettstown, champions of the Schuylkill Valles, League, will clash with Steison at Fourth and Berks, streets tomorrow. Hartline will twir for the up-Staters, while Roy Thomas will depend on Hesselbscher to break the visitors winning streak. Manger and Stevenson will de the catching.

Des Jardien to Coach Oberlin BERLIN, O. Sept. 22.—Paul Des Jard versity of Chicago athlete and coach, a selected to coach the Oberlin College f

Field Tomorrow

on Ring Bouts Last Night BROADWAY A. C.—Waily Nelson drew with Terry Ketchell, Johnay McLaughlin won from Kild Herman, Wally Hinckie beat Al Edwards in three rounds, Connie Schaeffer defeated Charley Kline, Mickey Sykes stopped Trates Flynn, third.

Evening Ledger Decisions

Tonight's Lincoln Opener Preliminaries.

Young Jack Dillon vs. Tommy Kennedy.
Harp Holligan vs. Charley Dougherty.
Young Sam Langford vs. Young Lowrey.

Semiwind-up, Whitey Fitzgerald vs. Young Attell. Wind-up. Willie Hannon vs. Al Nelson

Vito also handles Frankie Conway, who is matched for two bouts at Reading next Tues day night and at the Olympia. October 2.

Frankle Coster has returned from Baltimore where he made a big hit, and his next match is booked with Al Fox, at the Mogel, in one of the prelims to the Wille Baker-K. O. Sanson scrap, Tuesday night.

Frank Moran and Fred Fulton have been signed up to meet at Madison Square Garden. New York, on October 12, in a ten-round bout. This will be the first beavyweight match of the season in Gotham. Fulton had three matches to

POLO PHILA. COUNTRY CLUB

SATURDAY, SEPT. 23, 3:30 P. M.

EASTERN CIRCUIT 1—Thomas Hitchcock, Jr. 2—J. Watson Webb. 8—Malcolm Stevenson k—Devereuz Milburn

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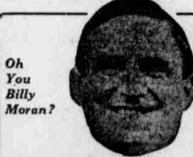
To Stage Annual Games at Northeast

The first annual track meet of the Athletic Association of the Midvale Steel Company, of Nicetown, will be held tomorrow afternoon on the Northeast High School field, Twenty-ninth and Cambria streets, under the direction of Herman Meyers, president of the Middle Atlantic A. A. U. It will be a closed meet, exclusively for the employes of the steel company, with more than two hundred men entrants and thirty women, from the Midvale Mansion and the Widener Building offices of the company. President A. C. Dinkey, Vice President W. P. Barba, Secretary H. M. Deemer, Treasurer W. G. MacFarland and George Satterthwaite, superintendent of the local plant, will attend the meet. Medals will be awarded to the winners by Vice President Barba. The first annual track meet of the Ath-

New Outfielder for Phils

Outfielder Gandy, of the Portsmouth team, of the Virginia League, who had been purchased by the Phils iwe months ago, will report to Manager Pat Moran at the Phil Park today, Gandy is a tall, lanky individual, standing six feet three inches tall and bulk along the same general architectural plan as Cy Williams, of the Cubs.

Cage Circuit to Be Increased At the annual fall meeting of the Brother-ond Basketball League held last night at St. Androw's Church it was decided to increase the circuit to ten or twelve clubs and enen the season during the first week of November.



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Alert Texan Has Batted at Even Pace Since the Start and Has Continued With Only a Slight Variation

By GRANTLAND RICE

to the greatest height he ever has known. To check Cobb's wild rush was one thing But the most impressive part of Speaker's

The alert Texan started the year batting around .830. Since the first two weeks he has set an even pace beyond anything we ever have seen, for in the six months' test there has been only the slightest variation.

which he built up a season's play.

Speaker's Rare Consistency

If you will examine the records from May through the closing weeks of September you will find that Tris has rumbled steadily on between .380 and .395. He never has reached .400 nor broken below .380. For week after week his mark would be between .388 and .387. There were no wild

spurts nor sudden slumps. Tris merely went forth and collected about eight hits a week for the allotted period of play. The average has been a trifle over eight a week, but the range has been steadily between seven and nine. With the early jump he had it on Cobb. Ty had only one chance to overhaul this lead and this was to bat over .400. Tris refused to come back half way, and he had

oo far to go at the finish.

Speaker deserves great credit for making

another forward dash after Ty almost had caught him, for he proved his nerve here beyond any doubt. After all, Speaker has been great enough in his career to deserve at least one year at the top, even though it had to be above

at the top, even though it had to be above the spectacular Georgian.

And it is no soft assignment to lead a league that has Cobb, Collins and Jackson swinging daily on the ball.

Speaker in his all-around work is the greatest combination of grace and effective-ness in the game.

As an outfielder he is unequaled. If any

one man is the greatest fielder baseball ever has known the claim belongs to Hubbard City's favorite son. It is something more than a treat to watch Speaker retrieve a long or short fly, for he is one bird who can fly equally well in any direction. Speaker at bat looks to have all the grace

CONSISTENCY OF SEASON'S PLAY

BEATING out Ty Cobb and barricading and effectiveness of Larry Lajole at the Speaker, Lajole and Schulte are the graceful hitters in the span of the and Speaker doesn't run back of Larry or Frank,

He has greater grace at bat than by part of which is due to a greater oppoure. For Ty is of the nervous high strung type, while Speaker works with its showing has been the rare consistency with

greater repose.

He has a way of stepping into the but that seems to forecast success in advance.

Red Sox Gameness

When the Red Sox started West with out Jack Barry and with only a game less over the Tigers and White Sox, we figure their chance had been blown to a fair It was simple enough to recall the penfight the Red Sox made last season wallen soil. But then they had Speaker as

Barry.

They made another such rally in Detre and Chicago around midsummer when the won seven out of nine games from their two leading rivals. But then they had Barry Now minus Barry and Speaker they back and once more their two leading rival find the Carrigan machine fighting with wold gameness, with a club that shows a great strength on paper except in the bar Barry.

When the big shown-down comes in pitching is usually the decisive feature in thing that counts.

The Giants could win all the sames to wanted to win in May and September, where their total is something like thirp, five out of thirty-seven. But, unfortunate for them, the rest of the league insists upon counting most of those games played in June, July and August.

Ty Cobb figures the American League race this season is going to the last series. It begins to look that way. But if the Reson can return East in the lead, or rise at the top, they have all the best ere Nothing but trouble in Cleveland and E Louns can hold them back, for an agressive club of this type, carried along by fine pitching staff, has a margin upon we stronger clubs in other ways that lack the pitching.



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