

# N. Y. PLAYERS TO FIGHT DODGERS FROM START TO FINISH, ACCORDING TO STAR INFIELDER

## GIANTS, FIGHTING TO BEAT OUT BRAVES, WILL SURPRISE BROOKLYN, SAYS BUCK HERZOG

### Scrappy Second Baseman Declares in Letter That New York Will Try to Defeat Robinson's League Leaders

WILL the Giants try to beat the Dodgers in the final series of the season? This question has been asked thousands of times recently and the impression is general that the strong friendship that exists between Managers McGraw and Robinson, and the feeling among the players of the two teams, would make the series a tame affair, but we are in receipt of a letter from Buck Herzog, of the Giants, which would indicate that Brooklyn is going to be greatly surprised if it expects an easy time with New York.

Herzog's letter, written on Thursday before the Reds had taken two straight games from the Braves, advised us to bet everything we had that the Giants would finish ahead of the Braves, and the fighting second baseman also insists that Brooklyn will be given a trimming that it will not forget in a hurry. Herzog declares that the Giants intend to prove their superiority over every team in the league and as six of the seven teams recently have been defeated decisively, the Marylander insists that Brooklyn is the next victim.

In the letter Herzog mentions that he has heard a lot of talk about the Giants "laying down" to the Dodgers, but he asks if any one ever accused him of doing anything but hustling and fighting for every ball game, and says that every member of McGraw's team is in the same frame of mind. "If they beat us, they will know that they have been in the toughest series they ever have played, as we will fight them from start to finish," was Herzog's parting shot.

If the Giants fight the Dodgers and the rest of McGraw's men are in the same frame of mind as Herzog, the Phillies' pennant chances look much brighter, as there is no apparent reason why New York should not win from Robinson's team just as easily as it has beaten every other team in the league in the last three weeks. There is no doubt that the Giants are stronger than the Dodgers at the present time, and favored by the fact that Brooklyn is under a great strain while they have all to gain and nothing to lose, the Giants should be able to return good for the evil of 1908 by trimming the league leaders.

### Alexander Being Primed for Brooklyn

MANAGER MORAN says that he will work Alexander the Great twice in the Brooklyn series and that is why the Nebraska has not been sent to the mound opener in the last week, as the Philly pilot originally had planned. Moran wanted to work Alexander every other day and probably would have done so if the Phillies had kept on even terms with the Dodgers, but he now realizes that pitching out of turn might weaken his trump card before the series with the Dodgers, and as the Phils must win decisively in the series, he wants "Alex" to be at his best.

After today Alexander will not work again until the first game with Brooklyn in Brooklyn on Thursday, unless it is for a few innings as a relief pitcher on Monday. Alexander pitched Tuesday and by allowing him to pitch only one game before the Brooklyn series, he will have hurled only one game in eight days, when he goes to the mound against the Dodgers.

Alexander always has been effective against the Dodgers and Moran feels certain that he will be able to win two games and is more worried about the selection of his pitcher for the second game. Eppa Rixey is the logical choice, as the giant left-hander has had Brooklyn at his mercy. The Virginian has been off form in his recent games, however, and Moran is not certain that it would be wise to send him to the mound in such an important game.

If the series was scheduled for this city, it is certain that Al Demaree would draw the assignment, as the new "iron man" is invincible on the home field. In the past Demaree has not been very effective against the Dodgers in Brooklyn, but he seldom has failed Moran in a pinch and the Philly pilot knows that Al will at least pitch an intelligent game and will not lose through nervousness or stupid mistakes, such as pitching wrong to dangerous hitters. Regardless of the pitching selections or the position of the teams on Thursday, it will be the most important series in which a local team ever has taken part during the championship season.

### Three Out of Four From Pirates Is Good Enough

BY WINNING from the Pirates yesterday the Phils made it three out of four from Callahan's team, which is better than Brooklyn did. If it were not for the discouraging exhibition on Thursday the series would have been a great success. However, the Phils came back strong after the off day and it is hoped that they are about to start another spurt.

Yesterday the Phillies looked like a different team. They handled the ball clean and fast, batted in a timely fashion and ran bases well. One would hardly think that it was the same team that handed a game to the Pirates the previous day. Pittsburgh had poor pitching yesterday and the Phillies got the jump, which made quite a difference.

Erskine Mayer was found for fourteen hits, passed four men, hit another, Bancroft made a fumble and three bases were stolen by Callahan's team, but only four runs were scored against the side-arm artist, who hurled better ball in the pinches than he has shown in quite a while. In contrast the Phillies made only nine hits and did not steal a base, but four of the safeties were extra-base drives, all of which figured in the scoring, while Pittsburgh contributed four errors.

Young Bill Evans, the North Carolina A. and M. College pitcher, who beat the Phils twice in the recent series in Pittsburgh, lasted less than an inning, though he had just as much "stuff" as when he faced Moran's men before, but at that time the champions were in a slump and almost any kind of pitching was too much for them. The fact that it was the last game of the season with the Pirates is not regretted by the Philly players or fans, as Callahan's team proved a stumbling block, just when the champions believed a winning streak had started.

### Pittsburgh Has Promising Young Team

ABOUT six weeks ago they were "panning" Jimmy Callahan in Pittsburgh and a close friend of President Dreyfuss told us at the time that he believed the former White Sox pilot would be paid off for 1917 and allowed to go his way, but the sentiment has changed and the fans in the "Smoky City" realize that Callahan's policy of sending his youngsters into the game, despite daily defeats, is bearing fruit. Callahan realized that he had no chance for the pennant or a first division berth and wisely decided to prepare for 1917 and he has made great headway.

Pittsburgh is far from a championship team at the present time, but it is the most improved team in the league, and the addition of one outfielder and one infielder, providing Wagner remains at first, will make the Pirates a real pennant contender in 1917. There is a lot of hitting strength in the Pirate lineup and a wonderful pitching staff should be developed before the 1917 season starts.

In Mammox and Cooper, the Pirates have two seasoned stars around whom the pitching staff may be built, while young Grimes, the Birmingham recruit, looks like a great pitcher right now. Callahan also has several other fairly good seasoned pitchers and a splendid prospect in Evans. Several other recruit hurlers are due to report next spring, and if Callahan can find one who can win just a trifle more than fifty per cent of his games, the Pirates will be more dangerous than the fans believe.

By winning the final game of the series from the Cubs, the Giants annexed their seventeenth straight victory, and unless St. Louis plays much better ball than it did against the Dodgers, there may be a new world's record made within the next five days. McGraw's team needs only three more victories to tie the major league record of twenty consecutive victories, made by Providence in 1884. If the Giants can surpass the Providence record it is possible, and quite likely, that the new mark, whatever it happens to be, will stand for thirty-two more seasons.

The Red Sox won again yesterday, and even though the White Sox and Tigers also added another victory, Carrigan's team is another notch nearer to the American League pennant. Boston now has only ten games to play and needs but six victories to gain a tie if the White Sox and Tigers win all the remaining games on their schedules.

## MAKING A NOISE LIKE A GOLFER



## RED SOX SPECIALTY HAS BEEN BEATING RIVALS IN THE PINCH; TRAVERS AND EVANS TO MEET

Travers Would Have Carrigan's Club Has Proved to Be One of Gamest Teams in Critical Series

WHEN Chick Evans reaches the scene of the amateur championship next September he will find an old rival there to give him battle for the crown.

For after a season's rest from tournament play, Jerry Travers has made up his mind that one year's lay off is sufficient and that next fall he will be back in the lists.

And no one appreciates better than Chick what a rugged opponent he may have to meet.

Travers is the hardest type Evans finds to handle. For Jerry is not only a fine putter, but one of our more players and one of the surest men in the game at a clip shot of the green. There is very little difference in the results obtained by the two with an iron, a driving iron or a masher. Chick is much surer with the wood, but it is hard to make up with the wood any margin one may lack round the cup.

Their last meeting at Wykagyl in a friendly four-ball match hardly could be considered a fair test, for Chick never had seen the course before. Yet it was strikingly like their first meeting at Chicago in 1912. On any number of holes Evans would have a shade the best of it or at least an even margin one may lack round the cup.

At Wykagyl, for example, although Jerry had been playing very little golf, his short game was handled with surprising skill and even more surprising confidence. We recall four holes in particular where Chick was closer on his second shot. Yet he lost two of these and only managed to halve the other two. It is impossible to estimate the depressing effect in match play of such turns as this. One of the hardest at Yale and Princeton is the golfer who is constantly running his long approach putts dead.

Rising to the Occasion

Another factor that will make Travers a hard opponent for Evans next year, if they should meet, would be Jerry's ability to rise to the required occasion. Take his last match. He had not played Wykagyl better than 77 all summer—the few times he had played. Yet being extremely anxious to make a fine stand against the open and amateur champion Travers traveled the distance in 73 strokes, five below his average play for the year. The golf he played at Wykagyl would have raised havoc at Merion, for there were few there able to putt with any sure consistency.

Another Evans

It must also be remembered, that having bagged both championships after a long wait, Evans will be a harder man to overthrow than he has been. He will never be a fine putter of the Travis-Travers type until he completely alters his present style.

But better confidence can make him at least an average putter, and average work only on the greens will always make him a formidable opponent as long as he carries the rest of his genius to within sight of the cup.

### GRANTLAND RICE

McGeehan Is Star at Villanova

VILLANOVA, Pa., Sept. 22.—After completing the usual elementary work, Coach Eddie McGeehan today announced that he had selected Eddie McGeehan as his star player for the coming season. McGeehan, who is a native of Philadelphia, has been playing golf since he was a boy. He is a right-handed player and is known for his accurate putting and his ability to handle the ball under pressure.

Autumn Par

When the long, gray evenings come from the hills

And the wind sweeps on its way,

Take a pipe, a book and an easy chair,

And let the soft light there

Are par for the course I play.

As between the Phillies and Robins, discussion being the better part of guessing, why not delay the burning debate until they have completed the series that starts next Thursday aft? Either one then will have the chance to enjoy the rare privilege of cleaning up three in a row and closing out the rebuttal with a distinct thud.

### GRANTLAND RICE

## SMITH TACKLES COFFEY TONIGHT IN HEAVY MATCH

First Big Battle of Season Here Scheduled at National Club

NELSON DEFEATS HANNON

By LOUIS H. JAFFE

The first heavyweight match of the season in this city will be decided tonight at the National Athletic Club, when Gunboat Smith, a Philadelphia by birth and who originally gained fame in pugilism by knocking down Jack Johnson when champion in a sparring scrap, buckles up with Jim Coffey. The latter is the Dublin Giant who did most of his boxing here two years ago and scored a long string of knockouts.

The heavyweight class is very much in evidence now by lack of competent aspirants for Jess Willard's laurels. But Smith and Coffey are two of the most experienced in the field of big men. Each has been in the game for several years and they have met among their bouts some of the leading battlers in their division.

Tonight's tilt will be Coffey's first of the 1916-17 season, while Smith began his campaign Monday night in New York by forcing Cleve Hawkins, a negro heavyweight, to retire in the third round because of a fractured rib. Dublin Jim has been at Mount Kisco, in the Adirondack Mountains, all summer and by boxing with Benny Leonard the big Irishman is faster than ever, according to Billy Gibson.

The semifinal will be between Frankie White and Terry McGovern. They are favorites in different Little Italy sections of the city and the Sunny It fans are manifesting much interest in the result of the contest. It will be a return mix, White having won their first meeting several weeks ago.

Al Nelson again—rather once more—showed to advantage over Willie Hannon, this time the margin of victory being as big as in their other two bouts. They met in the star scrap of the re-opening of George Decker's Lincoln A. C. Nelson entered the ring with a sprained ligament in his right hand and did not use that mitt until the latter part of the fifth frame, when he took chances. His terrific fighting at close quarters with both mitts in the sixth session enabled the Italian to win by a shade.

A left hook in the second round straight the line of Hannon's right eye. Closed left punches and occasional hooks by Nelson kept the optic colored and smarting, and it was completely closed when Bill left the ring. It was a corking good match.

FOUR SHOTS ON TODAY

Glen Willow Meets Cedar Park in Inter-club Match

There will be no lack of places to go for the local gunmen today. Four shooting grounds will be open for carded events, and with a team race at one locality, there will be actually five of the many city organizations blazing away at the lifeless birds.

In addition to the regular club events at the Philadelphia Shooting Academy today at Wyoming avenue and D street, there will also be a special event open only to the shooters who represented the club in the matches with Clearview. The Challenge Cup and the last leg on the H. W. Lodge trophy will also be contested for.

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## MISS ALEXA STIRLING, GOLFER, GAINS MUCH FAN FAVOR HERE AS NATIONAL TITLE PLAYER

### Sound Golf and Finished Form Place Southern High—Medal Winners Up and Down

By SANDY McNBICK

THE two "leading ladies" of one of the best exhibitions of golf in the women's national championship last year played a "return engagement" today at Huntingdon Valley in the finals of the Berthelby Cup matches. Enthusiasm ran high.

Mrs. Clarence H. Vanderbeck won last year's match on the twenty-second hole in the finals of the Berthelby Cup matches. Her victim was Miss Alexa Stirling, the nineteen-year-old Southern champion, and the youthful golfer who takes her place nowadays as one of the very best women golfers in the country. It was thought last year that the winner of the Stirling-Vanderbeck match would mark the close of the season, and so it proved. If Mrs. Vanderbeck defaults her title this year, as she has announced she will do, Miss Stirling will take a high place among the favorites for the throne. The match today brought together two of the ablest contenders since the national.

Miss Stirling was determined to win the bout.

"I'm going to play for all I know how," she said before the start of the match.

Splendid Contenders

Her eighty-four at Huntingdon Valley on Wednesday gave a fine line on the match between the two women who are enjoying a perfect golf day. The golf she played would have beaten nearly any woman, no matter how well the latter might have played, for a feminine eighty-four is better among the fair sex than is a seventy-four masculines might shoot among themselves.

Miss Stirling has very strong wrists, so that she has trouble shots which are a perfection when she has them working. In the spaces around the cup she is hard to beat. It is a pleasure to watch her play her shots. She is one of the few women who have the ease and grace in links work of the professional and her form shows the fine finish of the tutelage of Stewart Jones, well-known "child wonder," who astounded fans by his showing in the national.

Each play from the Atlanta Athletic Club, in Atlanta, Ga. Perry Adair, another nineteen-year-old "marvel" from Atlanta, absorbed much of his action from the same golf professor, though he does not play from the same club as Miss Stirling and Bobby Jones.

The Shots

Miss Stirling's play has been very impressive here for the last week. She has always had the punch where it was needed in her matches and if Mrs. Vanderbeck does not defend her title, Quaker fanboys feel that Miss Stirling is the "heir apparent."

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Hasse Wins Golf Prize

Philadelphia C. C. Man Captures Honors for Two Days' Play

R. E. N. Y., Sept. 22.—The gross prize for Thursday and Friday in the semi-final tournament, which entered its final stage on the morning of the 22nd, was captured by C. J. Hasse, of the Philadelphia Country Club. He won the prize by a score of 144 to 145 of C. J. Stone, of the same club, who was runner-up.

Geraghty Coaches the "Walnuts"

Arthur Geraghty, quarterback on the 1914 Roman Catholic High School team, has been appointed manager and coach of the Philadelphia Catholic Club eleven. This young man has been successful in the district for years by a first-class baseball team, and it is the idea of Geraghty to bring the success of the baseball team to the success of the football team. The initial practice will be held at home on the club grounds, Fifty-second street and Washington avenue. The management is desirous of "making" the first-class traveling team. Address Walter P. Hayer, 220 South 22nd street, or phone 1201 W after 5 p. m.

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