MACK HAS FINE NUCLEUS FOR WINNING MACHINE IN PRESENT COLLECTION OF RECRUITS

PLAYING OF MACK RECRUITS GIVES A'S HOPES OF RISING HIGH IN 1917 PENNANT RACE

Thrasher and Grover, Viewed by Fans Here for First Time, Expected to Plug Gaps in New Machine

WHILE Connie Mack's rejuvenated ball team broke the American League record W for defeats in a single season when they were downed for the one hundred and fourteenth time this season, this time by Washington, the work of the two roung recruits. Thrasher and Grover, gave the 2000 faithful who were present a orther idea of what Connie expects to do next season.

Thrasher, who was the leading hitter in the Southern Association and who as like a "real" comer, showed flashes of the work that caused him to be used as the best ball player turned out by the South since the days of Cobb, er and Jackson. He made only one hit in four times up, but he looked over ings of Jim Shaw in a professional fashion. Although his chances afield not numerous, he made a remarkably fine pick-up on a line drive which, if it and got by, would have hit the right-field fence for three bases. Grover put up a fair game in the field at second and also secured two hits in four times up. His 'k yesterday satisfied the fans that the dope sent here about his good showing on the western trip was right.

The weakness at third base is as glaring as ever. Not only did McElwee make three errors yesterday, but his handling of bunts was as poor as it was on the Athletics' previous home stand. Aside from the interest naturally to be excted in looking over Thrasher and Grover, the game was drab and duil. Which was realized by Nick Altrock, who engaged in a lengthy and, needless to say, argument with the fans in the upper pavilion. Nick's ball-playing days have ed to the rear along with the Providence record of twenty straight, but his voice is growing louder year by year.

It is certain that Mack will send other recruits into the game during the reing three frays with the Nationals, who showed as much pep yesterday as though the game had been a dociding one in the pennant race. . . .

Ebbets Keeps Eye Focused on Gate Receipts

AST winter Charley Ebbets, owner of the Dodgers, made a stirring speech at the Philadelphia Sporting Writers' dinner, during the course of which he declared that "the Brooklyn club did not belong to him, but to the Brooklyn fans." He said that it was the fans' club, that the game itself belonged to the fans and that he was merely their representative, whose only object was to abide by their

That was back in February, when the impression was general that the Dodgers id be lucky to finish in the first division and the club would need the support of the fans. Today, when the Dodgers appear to have a wonderful chance to play in the world series, Mr. Ebbets has changed his tune, much to the surprise of the fans, who always had been proud of the grand ideas of the owner of the Dodgers.

We remarked when the Phillies and Dodgers were compelled to play through nine innings in a downpour of rain that Mr. Ebbets was losing sight of his pledges in his mad desire to get the money, and the recent announcement that the Brooklyn club would charge more for world series tickets than has been charged by any am, even New York and Chicago, just about proves that the only object of Ebsets and all other magnates is to get the money.

In explaining why the prices will be doubled for the world series, providing the Dodgers win the pennant, Ebbets says that he feels sure the fans of Brooklyn ald feel bad if the receipts of the game in Boston exceeded those at his park. ets says that Brooklyn is proud of its reputation as a baseball city and that only object in raising the prices is to hang up a new mark for world series Therefore we suppose that Ebbets will donate the extra money to receipts. charity.

Batting Records Prove Nothing

THE sooner the present system of compiling batting averages is done away with the better will be the team work of every major league team. The present system tends to do away with team work, and a large percentage of players think too much about their batting averages and not enough about the success of the team. This particularly is true of a team that is out of the race, and the magnates have no one to blame if a player on a team out of the race is accused of playing for his average.

When a ball player goes to a magnate to renew his contract and asks for a se the first question the magnate will ask is, "What did you hit last season?" It is only natural for a ball player, making his living out of the game, to desire to hit as well as possible when his salary depends upon his batting average. The gnates take entirely the wrong view of the matter, and we believe they would be better off in the end if they permitted the managers to stipulate what salary each player should get; but for some reason the managers all dodge this issue, and the presidents do not seem anxious to allow the managers to handle the club's

A system whereby the number of runs driven in, sacrifice hits and stolen ses all were included in finding a man's grand batting average would be more lequate and would serve to improve team work. Under the present system yers always will think more of their batting averages than the success of the m, so long as they are not in the pennant race.

MOVIE OF A MAN AND A HAT



and Today's Tee Talk

PHILADELPHIA OPEN TITLE FOR GOLFERS TO BE STAGED **AT PHILMONT OCTOBER 11-12**

Date at Last Decided. || Tomorrow's Tournaments Conflicts With U.S. Professional and State Tourneys

By SÅNDY MeNIBLICK TWO months later than it originally was

scheduled, a date finally has been found for the Philadelphia open golf champion Francis B. Warner, secretary of the Golf Association of Philadelphia, announced today that the tourney will be held on the 11th and 13th of October. It has been found impossible to hold it sooner than that, and a later date seemed impracti-cable able

So far as the date goes, it is probably the best that can be done in the matter, usless it is put over another couple of reeks.

But it means that the field will not be very fast. All the real stars of profes-sional ranks will be playing for the cham-pionship of the Professional Golfers' Asso-ciation of the United States at New York. Two of the best local professionals will be in the running at New York as delegates from the metheset section.

from the southeast section Jim Barnes, one of the best playing pro-selonals in the United States, and winner

of many large purses this year, leads the local contingent. Another player from Philadelphia who Another player from Philadelphia who will be sadly missed from a Quaker cham-plonship and who is going to New York for the other event, is Jim Thomson, pro at the Country Club. Emmett French, the youth-ful Philadelphian tutoring at York, who also qualified for the United States cham-plonship, will be among the missing. It is almost a certainty that few, if any, of the metropolitan stars will come here.

At is almost a certainty that saw, if any, of the metropolitan stars will come here, since most of them will prefer to stay in their own section and hobmob with the con-tenders in the first championship. The best players from New England will be missing, and altogether it locks as if the local cham-pionship is a settled affair. The only solver of championship callber

The only golfer of championship callber who looms up for the title at the present time is Charlle Hoffner, professional at The Philmont course, where the loca championship will be played, is one that re-guires thorough familiarity for low scoring and Hoffner has his own course down "pretty cold." He can hug almost as close to 70 as he takes time for. He was tied for second pluce last year in the open with for second place last year in the open way. Jim Barnes, and now that he will have little opposition, he is conceded the title and the main purse almost without a dissenting murmur. Hoffner was beaten in the play-off of the qualifying round at Wilmington for the United States tile and so will be un-hampered by other duties than those arising in his own "back yard." get a \$50 apiece, which is pretty fair money for a licking. Those licked the next day will get a larger lump of the bacon, and 50 on.

Siwanoy officials believe the match play will draw one of the largest galleries that has attended a golf tourney in the East this year and are using every facility to handle the throngs.

Or Monday, the day before the opening burney, a novel tourney has been

Fifth annual Ancient and Hanorable tour-aments open only to men who have reached to age of fifty-fit or the cold Assectiation fulludeing to the cold Assectiation Philadeing cold assectiation to the cold Assectiation Brookine Country Club Brookine, Mase omorrow, Fennsylvania vs. Massachusetts uttes matches, morning and afternoon. ar ied, in which the aggregate scores of a thrty-six-hole round will take off the prises.

The morning round will be played at The morning round will be played at four-ball medal scores, while in the after-noon two-ball foursomes will grace the course. The pros are given the privilege of choosing their own partners, and will not have to submit to one being "thrust upon" them. One hundred golden coinlets will be placed in the hand of the winning pro and his amateur partner will get a plece of plate. Second professional prize is \$50, and third \$25.

The proper place to fix the forms, accord-ing to many molf professors, is at the spot just behind the ball. The club frend should then graze the ground and the ball will be hit currectly just below the center.



third \$25. Those wishing to witness the matches will have to have tickets of admission, but these can be obtained, as many as desired, from the club at the request of any member of a recognized golf club applying to the tourna-ment committee at Siwanoy. G. E. Atherton, Country Club, will proba-bly not play on the Lesley Cup team, as an-nounced, because of sickness.

Harry Vardon, one of the greatest solf experts in the world, has figured it out that more than thirty-five per cent of the mis-takes connected with making solf shots is the result of taking the eye off the ball. Walter Travis, former American and Bells-the champion, speet much of his long solf carrer in concentraling on the little pill. The scars and years of triumph that the forman did Man of American golf endoyed on the links is attributed to his fixing his mind on the ball. The theory in that the mind dictates to the more and in this case the mind re-retives its impression through the time of the half, the open is looking at the for of the half, the time is looking at the top of the half, the time spot the golfer would maturally with

Robins face the Giants in four games. After concluding with the Robins, the Phillies face the Braves in six games. The Giants are pretty sure to give Brooklyn a swift kick under the ear about three times out of four. What the Phillies, in the meantime, can do with the Braves in six contests is something else again. Brooklyn's Tough Wind-up

Brooklyn faces a tough finish, but she has no kick coming. For she has it in her power to saw up the race by beating her main rivals in all three games.

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her main rivals in all three games. Then again Brooklyn well can't for-get that the Glants recently heat the Phil-lies four straight. So if McGraw's spell-binders wrench off four straight from Brooklyn they will be only handling Brook-lyn the same dainty dish they handed Brooklyn's leading rival. Which is fair enough mough.

THE PHILLY-DODGER SERIES

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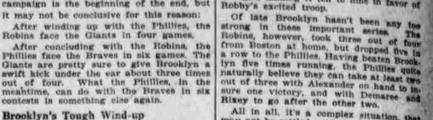
By GRANTLAND RICE

The grand smash between Brooklyn and the Phillies now is coming to a head. The series which closes out this week's campaign is the beginning of the end, but It may not be conclusive for this reason:

BUT MAY NOT BE CONCLUSIVE

enough. To be fairly sure of the flag Brooklyn must win four of her last seven games. This means two out of three from the Phil-lies and two out of four from New York--an assignment that is in no sense a soft and woolly undertaking. The Phillies, to be sure of finishing first, must take six of her last nine games, two from Brooklyn and four from Boston. But if Moran's men can take two from Brook-lyn, she may be able to get by with three games from Boston if the Glants should make it four straight.

On the Year's Play



All in all, it's a complex situation, that may not be settled until the middle of next week or even until the final game. The East-West Controversy

Sir-In regard to the East-West contro-versy in the way of sporting supremany, kindly look over these returns: Heavyweight champion-Willard, Kansas,

Heavyweight champion-Willard, Kansas Light heavyweight-Dillon, Indiana. Featherweight-Kilbane, Ohio, Swimning champion-Langer, California. Open golf champion-Evans, Illinois. Amateur golf champion-Evans, Illinois. National League batting champion.-

hase, California. American League batting champion-Speaker, Texas. American winning pitcher-Johnson

Idaho. National League leading pitcher-Alex-

National League leading pitcher-Alex-ander, Nebraska. Here in boxing, swimming, soif and base-ball the Weat holds the champions, leaving the East the tennis championship only. Out of a dozen firsts the West has eleven and the East one. If there is any ionger any doubt as to which section provides most of the sporting title bolders the

On the Year's Play The Brooklyn-Philly series upon the year's count offers a queer mixture. Up to bate. A. D. R.



The best hitter seldom leads a league, barring, of course, the wonderful Cobb. example of the mistake of the present system was given in the last series been the Phillies and Reds, when Hal Chase was presented with at least four hits ause the Phils had a game clinched and like the Red first baseman. Not only were the pitchers grooving balls for Chase, but the infielders also played two or three hits poorly and allowed him to get credit for infield hits. Those four hits may give Chase the batting championship, but he is not the best hitter in the

Hughey Fullerton, who admits that he has been up in Michigan almost all summer, rates Lewis, Wheat, Veach, Jackson and Magee above George Whitted, of the Phillies. We will wager that Managers Carrigan, Robinson, Jennings, Rowland Stallings would give their left fielder for Whitted, and also would be willing to in a pitcher or two or a bunch of money. When one attempts to rate Whitted ding to figures he is entirely off the track, as the Philly star is one of those ers who cannot be judged by figures. He is today the best left fielder in baseall, barring none, and also of as much value to his team as Cobb is to Detroit or ns to the White Sox.

When the National League magnates hold their annual meeting in New York. next December the chances are an attempt will be made to make radical changes in the playing rules. Some already being considered are abolition of the spitball, of the use of any foreign substance on the ball by pitchers and changing the foul-strike rule so that either the first or second foul will not be a strike.

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ne of the magnates, too, are in favor of giving Philadelphia a ground rule, ng a fair-hit ball which bounces over the short and low left-field wall home call lot a two-bagger instead of a home run, as at present. It is possible that other parks will be considered for a similar change.

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The Boston Braves raised an awful howl recently when Lew McCarty was ad to the Giants by the Robins and then allowed to take part in games en the two clubs. McCarty is said to have been promised a share of world's money if the Dodgers were fortunate in their race for the National League ant, and Boston players intimated this might be an inducement for McCarty, o play against the interests of the Giants.

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If Jack Barry is able to get into the world's series, as the reports state, the ces of the Red Sox again copping world's series honors are greatly enhanced. Last October Barry was a marvel on the defense, and it was due in a great are to his individual efforts that Carrigan's people took four games in a row after the Phillies had started with a victory.

hampered by other duties that these armine in his own "back yard." The Pennsylvania open championship also conflicts with the local tourney, so that it is a question which tourney will draw the Middle State pro's left behind. There will be no amateur-professional preliminary round, according to Secretary Warner, as was partly planned when the local event was scheduled in August. It is not likely that the purses will be increased, as was also discussed at first. Great preparations are being made by the Siwanoy Country Club, at Mount Ver-non, where the United States professionals' championship will be held for the event. There will be thirty-two players in the

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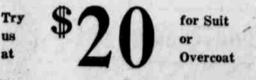
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