

PHILLIES' CHANCE TO CAPTURE THE BUNTING GREATLY ENHANCED BY OPENING VICTORY

BROOKLYN TEAM QUIT COLD IN OPENING GAME OF THE SERIES WITH PAT MORAN'S CHAMPIONS

First Time on Record That Pennant Contender Has Shown Yellow Streak at Critical Moment in Flag Fight

BROOKLYN, N. Y., Sept. 29.—Class will tell and a quitter will quit. At least that is what we always have found to be the case in any sporting game, and yesterday we saw an exhibition that convinced us that the old rule holds good. Brooklyn, a pennant-contending team, in fact the leading team of the National League, quit cold in the first game of the pennant-deciding series with the Phillies and as a result it looks very much today as if Pat Moran's champions will not have much trouble taking the series from the Dodgers.

We have been watching the national game for years, but yesterday was the first time we ever saw a pennant contender on a league leader quit as did the Dodgers. It is possible that the poor start and the fact that Robinson's team realized it was facing the greatest pitcher in the game, caused Brooklyn to go to pieces, but never have we seen such an exhibition of quitting.

Allowing for the fact that the game probably was lost when the Phillies scored three runs in the second inning, the Dodgers could have made Alexander the Great work much harder than they did, which would have lessened the chances for the Nebraskan repeating his victory of yesterday in the final game of the series. Instead of fighting the Phillies to a finish the Dodgers just crawled up and lay down after the Phils got off to a flying start and we would hate to see such a team face the Red Sox in a world's series in case they were lucky enough to get the breaks to win the National League pennant.

Robinson Has Completely Lost His Grip

THAT Manager Robinson has lost his grip also was apparent when he warmed up five hurlers before the game and did not know which one to select. Finally, after a consultation with Captain Jake Daubert and Jack Coombs, Robinson selected Larry Cheney to oppose the Phils. After his exhibition of "quitting" in two games against the Phillies in the memorable series early in September, Cheney was one hurler Robinson should not have selected to face the National League champions, but we are thankful that he did because the former Cub ran true to form and went completely to pieces when the Phillies started "riding" him.

The Phillies lost no time in getting after Cheney, who plainly showed that he did not relish the "riding" each player gave him when he stepped to the plate. The climax finally came when Fred Luderus crossed the Dodgers by swinging at the first ball pitched, instead of sacrificing, in the second inning. The result was a terrific smash against the top of the right field fence that took all the fight and nerve out of Cheney.

Cheney had warmed up in great style and appeared to have a lot of "stuff" until the Phils got him in the hole. When this happened, Cheney quit cold and his teammates followed suit. One would have thought that the Dodgers did not have a chance to win the pennant judging by the way they lay down and today the Philly players and a large percentage of the Brooklyn fans feel that nothing but a wonderful break of luck will save the Dodgers.

How Did the Dodgers Hold Lead So Long?

BROOKLYN must get off in the lead in each of the next two games to have a chance with the Phils, as they proved beyond the shadow of doubt that they are not game enough to win an uphill battle. Just how the Robins have held the lead so long is a mystery to those who attended yesterday's battle, as it was apparent that the Phillies have the class, whereas the Dodgers must have the breaks or they will go to pieces.

The moral effect of yesterday's victory will be great, as it was accomplished with such ease that the last half of the game was devoted to showing up the Dodgers, and the desired effect was obtained. Brooklyn left the field a beaten team, and where they opened the game with the avowed intention of "riding" and fighting the Phils they were trying to play the "hand-shaking" game before the ninth inning rolled around, but Moran's men continued to fight and "ride" the Dodgers.

The result of the game was a revelation to the fans and scribes of New York and Brooklyn, who now admit that it looks very much as if the Phils again would represent the National League in the world's series.

The most fortunate thing about the whole game from a Philly standpoint was the fact that Alexander was given a "soft" game for a change; after the second inning Moran's wonderful hurler lobbed the ball across the plate until Brooklyn threatened to score, and he will be in prime shape to face the Dodgers again tomorrow.

Whatever fears Moran and his players had regarding Alexander's condition after pitching the double-header against the Reds were dispelled in the opening inning, when the Nebraskan burned the ball over the plate with more "stuff" than we ever have seen him show. He proved conclusively, and to the satisfaction of the Dodgers, that two or three runs would win the game, and as soon as the Phils made the first trio of tallies Robinson's team simply quit.

Robins Have No Chance Against Alexander

THE best of dope sometimes goes wrong, but offhand we should say that the Dodgers have no more chance of beating Alexander than the Mackmen have of finishing above the Red Sox for the simple reason that every man on Robinson's team fears the Nebraskan; also because Alexander realizes this and will not give any of the Dodgers a chance to find themselves.

Several times yesterday the Dodgers started off an inning as if they were about to stage a rally, but just as soon as the crowd became enthusiastic Alexander cut loose and made the Robins look like a "bush league" aggregation. Seldom have we seen a team so resigned to its fate and admitting that it had no chance as the Dodgers did against Alexander yesterday. Perhaps in the next two games the Dodgers may look different, but it will be hard to convince the 30,000 fans who were present yesterday that they will not go to pieces again if the Phils get the jump on them.

The first game resulted just as Manager Moran had planned. He figured to take the Dodgers by surprise and go off in the lead, hoping to destroy the fighting spirit of the Robins, as the Phils did in the memorable battle early in September. Moran accomplished his purpose, as the Phils outgamed the Dodgers from start to finish, and from the time Luderus fooled Cheney by swinging at the first pitch instead of sacrificing the result never was in doubt.

Cheney was not the only Brooklyn player who quit, though his exhibition of "giving up" was so apparent that Manager Robinson pulled him from the mound just before the final blow-off came. The Dodgers appear to be suffering from the strain and now are feeling the reaction. Perhaps an early lead in the two final games will make Robinson's team look like a different aggregation, but we do not think so. It looks very much as if nothing but a great break of luck and a sudden reverse can save the Dodgers in the home stretch.

Players Are Feeling the Strain Heavily

GEORGE CUTSHAW, Otto Miller, Zack Wheat, Casey Stengel and Jake Daubert all appear to be feeling the great strain, and while their game looks good on paper, these stars have cracked. They lack the ginger and fighting spirit displayed early in the season and none of them has the "punch" in a pinch. If this quintet of stars had been in prime condition, the Dodgers at least would have fought back, but instead they were resigned to their fate.

In direct contrast was the work of the Phillies. Moran's champions looked like the same team that trimmed the Dodgers five games in a row early in September. They had the fight, ginger and nerve and right from the jump pulled the unexpected. Moran's men acted from the start as if they realized they were the masters and Brooklyn seemed to fall right in line with the idea, which made the game an easy one for Alexander the Great.

Alexander never looked better than at the start of yesterday's battle, and the fact that the Phils tallied a lot of runs and enabled the Nebraskan to loaf along should be a great help to Moran, as he can send Alexander back on Saturday without worrying about his ability to stand the pace.

AIN'T IT A GRAND AND GLORIOUS FEELING?



PHILS' TRIUMPH FORECASTED IN DODGERS' MENTAL ATTITUDE

By GRANTLAND RICE

AS IT looks from a strictly offside angle, the depressed Robins have been yearning to detonate or blow for the last three weeks. Such being the case, their big chance has come at last to scatter Brooklyn fragments up and down the stricken field. The six games they have left are all with the Phillies and Giants, and according to the official count they now have flopped six times in succession, while v-esting the Phils alone. If they can drop six contests to the Phillies, no purple-tinted imagination is required to indicate what they will do against the manhandling, murdering Giants. In yesterday's opener against the Phils the rickety Robins appeared to be somewhat depressed before a blow was struck or a ball was pitched. With Alexander in a pitching attitude, they gathered the idea quite early that Brooklyn was looking for the first brief opening that might lead to a cave-in. So far as mental attitude went, no comparison between the two clubs could be made that was not highly odious to the Brooklyn soul.

Phillies Confident

The Phillies went to battle in a strictly workmanlike manner, with their heads up and their eyes open. Quite a bit of this confidence was undoubtedly due to the prevalence of G. C. Alexander. The Robins may assume a different mental attitude today with Big Alex on the bench, but unless this happens and they win today those two-inch extra wide seats in Colonel Ebbets's grandstand will soon be empty under cold October skies, as Boston and Philadelphia re-sume about where they left off last fall.

Despite the fact that the Phils are still a trifle to the rear, the pennant odds belong to Moran. Sir Patrick has a ball club that has been over the hurdles before. He has a ball club that already has beaten his main rival, Brooklyn, six times running. Six times in a row is pretty fair evidence. The only club in the league that has stopped Moran's team in the last five weeks belongs to John McGraw, and this team could stop a Prussian charge backed up with shrapnel.

Meet the Test

Briefly, the Phillies yesterday played with rare confidence, and the Robins played with the opposite stuff. They were fairly good until some pinch moment arrived, whereupon they crumbled badly. It was not until Alexander began to ease up with a six-run lead that Brooklyn began to make a series of threatening gestures. The test of a ball club in a pinch is its defense. This is the section that cracks first when the main ingredient isn't there. Here is the dope as it runs today: Brooklyn has six games left with Philadelphia and New York. Philadelphia has eight games left with Brooklyn and Boston. The Phils have a first-class chance to win five of these eight games. Brooklyn has a tough fight on to win three out of six against such competition. Unless the Giants ease up in their stride,

where the bloke who isn't quite there will soon be a badly rumbled wreck down among the rocks. When each play of each game may carry \$50,000 with it, the nerve strain is simple enough to figure out. And the Robins in their last six Philly affairs have shown pretty well they were up against more than they could carry on to the wire.

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Wagon Beats Hineke
Eddie Wagon defeated Eddie Hineke in the final bout of the Broadway Athletic Club last night. Hineke was down in the first round for the count of nine, and was forced to take the count of six in the second session.

Hayman Wins at Billiards
George Hayman, the king of English billiard players, won two games yesterday at the Hagart Academy, 1203 Market street. In the afternoon he defeated George Sherman by the score of 799 to 117, and in the evening he won from Fred Sutcliffe, 250 to 150. Mr. Hayman took the place of the late Tommie who was unable to fill the shoes of the game without recent practice, but at that was able to give a skillful exhibition that pleased the spectators.

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OH SO DO I AUNTIE, IT'S SO RIDICULOUS!

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I AGREE WITH YOU AUNTIE.