

PHILLIES' MANAGER HAS TO DO SOME HUSTLING THIS WINTER TO BOLSTER UP HIS CLUB

PAT MORAN HAS DIFFICULT ROW TO HOE STRENGTHENING HIS TEAM FOR 1917 SEASON

Twenty-two-Player Limit Will Hurt Phillies. Pitching Staff Must Be Bolstered and Good Outfielder Signed for Team to Make Showing

WHEN Pat Moran began the season of 1916 he was hailed by Philadelphia fans with an unprecedented enthusiasm. He had the previous year, with a bunch of makeshifts and misfits, molded a team that tore its way to victory, giving the Quaker City its first National League pennant.

There is only one thing which will put Pat and the Phillies back into the warm spot of fandom's heart, and that is for the famous Fitzburger to get busy during these wintry months, bolster up his pitching staff and get a hard-hitting, dependable outfielder to take the place of Gavy Cravath, who will not be among those present when the roll is called for the coming campaign in the National League.

If Moran can accomplish this feat of putting the Phillies back to their 1915 fighting strength he will continue to be the popular idol; but if he fails, he is going to feel the sting of criticism which Connie Mack has been made to feel since his club was defeated in four straight games by the Boston Braves in the world's series of 1914.

Twenty-two-Player Limit Hurts Phils

IT HAS been remarked repeatedly that the passage of the twenty-two-player limit by the National League is going to weaken all of the clubs in the circuit to a certain extent, and that it will curtail the development of young players who should get their tutoring from a major league bench.

What the fans want to know is, will the Phillies be hurt by this rule? What is Moran doing to offset its disadvantages and whom is he going to sign to replace the pitchers who will not be with the club again?

The Phillies will be hurt by the new twenty-two-player rule. There is no doubt of that, but the great question before the House of Moran is, where are the sub-needed pitchers coming from and who are they? It is obvious that as the sub now stands Alexander, Mayer and Fixey are the only men upon whom Pat can depend.

There are only two things for Moran to do—either make some beneficial trades or spend some money to purchase the right grade of players. The latter alternative is the better, but the close-fisted policy of "those higher up" in the ranks of the Phillies almost precludes this possibility.

Coast League Has a Christy Mathewson

IN LOOKING over the work of the great marathon pitchers of baseball, the names of Christy Mathewson and Eddie Plank stand out prominently in the major leagues. But there is another man who is deserving of mention, and who, like the two great National and American hurlers, is not yet "all in."

Red Sox Well Heeled With Managers

THE new owners of the Boston Red Sox are very fortunate in having several men connected with the club who are capable leaders. It is still a matter of doubt whether Bill Carrigan will actually retire from baseball when he has been officially made an offer to lead the team another year.

American League Overlooked Something

THE American League magnates made an advance in the right direction when they voted to cut down the price of admission to world's series games in their own parks.

These new world's series prices are fair enough, but the great trouble—the disposition of tickets—was not touched upon. There are few parks who ever really objected to the prices of tickets when they could be bought at face value.

Whether the scalping evil ever will be eliminated is a doubtful question. But surely the American League magnates might have tried to do something that would at least cut down the number of tickets that get in the hands of speculators and increase the number that might be purchased by the persons who patronize the game throughout the championship season.

Collegians Should Play in Cage

BASKETBALL men at the University of Pennsylvania are very anxious to get a better place than Weightman Hall for the intercollegiate games. Every year the sport is growing more popular, and now that Lon Jourdet has produced a winning team and is likely to have another this year that always will be in the running, the friends of the University and the student body are likely to become still more enthused over the work of the team.

PENN builds the proposed stadium to seat 100,000 or more spectators high prices and scalping will virtually be eliminated. Some of those who are boosting the stadium believe that it should have a capacity of 200,000.

"PHILS' 'big ball' is sure to be barred some day by the magnates. The entry ball was barred last season and the use of rosin will be prohibited next year. It is only a question of time before the pitchers will be allowed to use only the ball in which they deliver. These are matters that have long been discussed by baseball writers. All approved methods of deceiving the batter should be eliminated from the game.

JASPER QUINTET CLOSE TO VICTORY

Camden Has Small Chance to Win First Pennant. Penn Beats Muhlenberg

OTHER NEWS IN THE CAGE

EASTERN LEAGUE STANDING table with columns for Team, W, L, P.C., G, and other statistics.

SCHEDULE FOR WEEK Tonight—Reading at the Trenton Armyory. Wednesday night—Jasper at the Camden Armyory. Thursday night—De Neri vs. Jasper at Nantuxent Hall.

By SPICK HALL With a maximum of only seven games for any one club until the close of the first half of the Eastern League season, it appears that the pennant will be captured by Kennedy's flying Jasper quintet.

On the hand until last week, the Jasper team had been playing the same men every night that were in the lineup at the beginning of the season. Though it is out temporarily, but it is believed that he will be in shape for the final drive.

Camden Lost Chance Camden lost the big opportunity to make a running fight for the flag when it fell, and fell hard, before the onslaught of the Reading team on Saturday night.

Penn Wins Again Lon Jourdet's Pennsylvania team again came to the front on the basketball court Saturday night. The victim this time was Muhlenberg.

WILLIAM H. MYERS, the Allentown man who bought the franchise of the De Neri team, has made arrangements for his club to play at Bethlehem on Saturday evening. All of the Eastern League games which were originally scheduled for Saturday nights at Musical Fund Hall have been transferred to Allentown and will be played on Tuesday evenings.

IN THE READING-CAMDEN game Saturday night Andy Sears led his teammates and fought his way to the top of the score. He also tossed thirteen fouls throughout the rim out of twenty chances, making his total point score twenty-five.

JOHNNY DUNDEE EARNS \$30,000 IN 20 FISTIC BOUTS THIS YEAR By ROBERT W. MAXWELL Dope was furnished by Scotty Monteith, and Scotty ought to know:

Joe Ayvedo, Philadelphia... \$500 Stanley Yaskin, Denver, Col... 1,500 Jimmy Murphy, Philadelphia... 2,500 Ben Mandel, New Orleans... 2,000 Benny Leonard, New York... 4,000 Phil Brown, Philadelphia... 2,000 Matt Walls, New Haven, Conn... 1,500 Benny Leonard, Philadelphia... 2,000 Johnny O'Leary, Buffalo... 500 Benny Hammer, East Chicago, Ind... 1,500 Harry Leonard, New York... 1,100 Hank Tompkins, Philadelphia... 1,500 Ever Hammer, Kansas City... 1,500 Jimmy Hamilton, N. C... 1,500 Joe Walling, New York... 1,500 Benny Leonard, Philadelphia... 2,000 Eddie Wallace, Brooklyn... 1,500 Johnny Tillman, Philadelphia... 700 Total... \$30,000

Johnny Has Traveled Since that time Johnny has leaped to the front and now ranks with the best lightweights in the country. He probably is the only real 112-pounder worthy of consideration, as he can make the weight easier than Welch or Leonard.

WHEN A FELLER NEEDS A FRIEND



ALEXANDER GREAT BECAUSE HE HAS THE 'STUFF,' BUT GREATER BECAUSE HE HAS ENDURANCE

Phillies' Star Is There Not Only in Quantity but Quality and Never Has Averaged Less Than Forty-five Games a Season

By GRANTLAND RICE I have raved over bards, both the living and dead. I have paroled all of the poets in sight, from "Paul Revere's Ride" to the maiden who said "I'll put the kibosh on the curfew to-night."

Who can answer this? When ball players back in the old days were drawing from \$1800 to \$2400 a year most of them keenly were interested in developing their game. Now, with salaries up around a bulge from \$3000 to \$12,000, only a very few pay any great attention to improving their play.

It does seem that a big university with plenty of reserve material could face at least four hard games in eight weeks. Yale is pretty sure to do it with Colgate, Brown, Princeton and Harvard. Colgate last fall faced Illinois, Syracuse, Yale and Brown without being forced to substitute more than one man in the four games.

The Ultimate Straw "In the fell clutch of circumstance," As Mr. Henley said, I rarely gulp or cry aloud Or bow my aching head.

While the committee at large is trying to find a suitable opponent who might defeat Jess Willard, old Doc Fine, the eternal champ, is warming up with the K. O. buried in either paw. The Old Doc never has lost a decision yet, and he isn't going to lose at his next start.

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DREYFUSS DECLARES HE TOLD MAGNATES PLAINLY OF ABUSE OF THE NATIONAL AGREEMENT

Pittsburgh President Says He Was Not Squeezed at League Meeting, but Pointed Out Mistakes of Commission

By CHANDLER D. RICHTER THE scribes were given to understand that Barney Dreyfuss was squeezed by the National League magnates at the annual conference, but before the Pittsburgh president left New York Saturday night he told us a few things he had mentioned in his speech to the other delegates which disprove the general belief.

In breaking the National agreement Dreyfuss charged that Garry Herrmann and President Tener had permitted Ban Johnson to have his way at the expense of every National League club. According to Dreyfuss, the purchase of Cravath was never bonified, and that the true facts have never been published.

The Pirate chief also says that Horace Fogel, then president of the Phillies, bluffed Herrmann and Tom Lynch, then president, and that Ban Johnson stood for it because of his friendship for the Cantillon, who owned the slugging outfielder at the time.

"I had my little say in the meeting and am not satisfied yet," said Dreyfuss. "The secretary in the National League had looked after the interests of the National League. There also was no mention of the fact that I showed them why the American League had all the best of it in the draft every season."

While I do not believe in crying over spilled milk, you scribes also heard nothing about the Cravath case. Cravath belonged to me, and if we had had him in our lineup we might have won two pennants from 1912 to 1914. He was the property of the Pittsburgh club by all laws of organized ball and according to our national agreement; but we did not get him because the supreme body failed to do its work properly.

"Has this been done? No, and it won't be until the National League gets more backbone. Instead of putting the names of the commission, last fall the American League put in drafts for seventy-eight players, no checks accompanying the drafts, while the National League asked drafts for twenty-nine, with checks accompanying."

Sheehan's Victory Sheehan, of the Mackmen, last season won one game and lost sixteen. He must have had a queer, not to say dumpy, feeling when he turned in that one triumph.

Football Schedules "I notice," writes Neutral, "that as one of the smaller colleges develops strength it is immediately dropped by the larger eleven, on the theory that 'too hard a game' will result. What are these larger universities looking for in a football way? All the college here is a neutral party chairman had to face Colgate, Brown, Princeton and Harvard on successive Saturdays; yet Yale, after the hardest schedule in the country, was stronger at the finish than Harvard was, and apparently fresher."

Tennis on Ice New Game Invented by F. B. Alexander SOMETHING new in tennis will be on exhibition in New York tomorrow night when the stars of the net world will play the court game on ice—something very new, we would say. The game was invented by Fred B. Alexander and this match will be played at the Ice Skating Palace.

CORNELL AND COLGATE TO MEET NEXT SEASON ITHACA, N. Y., Dec. 18.—Cornell will play Colgate at Ithaca on October 29 next fall. "Big game" is to be the big home contest of Cornell's season.

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