

IT ISN'T A HOLE THE TRIO OF HOLDOUTS MAKE IN PHILLIES' LINE-UP, IT'S AN EXCAVATION

ALL PAT MORAN NEEDS IS ONE OUTFIELDER AND TWICE AS MANY INFELDERS TO COMPLETE TEAM

Leader of Phillies Goes South Today With Three Big Problems to Face—Niehoff, Stock and Whitted Will Be Sadly Missed

PAT MORAN, impresario of the Phillies, led his henchmen out of Philadelphia this morning, herding them aboard a train for New York for the first leg of the journey to St. Petersburg, Fla., where they will prepare for the approaching drive on the National League confalon. The Genial Patriarch is likely to have a far busier spring than he anticipated. When the season ended last fall there appeared to be the same element of doubt about the line-up of the Phils as there is of the action of the electoral college every fourth year, but things have changed, and instead of enjoying an elegant loaf Pat will be a mighty busy man for the next six weeks. It is the hold-up thing which gummied the works. A year ago Pat had Paskert, Cravath and Whitted for the outfield; Luderus, Niehoff, Bancroft and Stock for the infield, and diverse first-class pitchers and catchers for the rest of it. At present he has all except Stock, Whitted and Niehoff. It doesn't take long to repeat the names of the holdouts, but the trio may represent the difference between a pennant-contender and a second-division team. There are no ball clubs extant which can suffer the loss of three regulars, two of whom are stars, and still retain their standing in first company—and that goes for the New York Giants as well as every other team.

Of course, it may be, it probably will be, that one or two or all of the holdouts will come to terms, but it is not certain, and until their names are signed to contracts Pat must work to fill their positions. The leading citizen of Eitzburg must find a first-class second baseman, a good third sacker and a rattling good outfielder, which is considerable of a task, even for the great Patriarch.

Infield Problem a Serious One

BECAUSE two of the holdouts are infielders, it is evident that Moran's biggest problem is to brace his inner works. If Niehoff and Stock fail to see the light and insist upon spending the summer on the old farm, he must find two men to replace them. There need be little discussion of third base, for Moran has an aged veteran with him who knows no more about playing the sack than Alexander does about pitching. We refer to Bobby Byrne, who probably invented the position. If there is a better fielding third sacker in the National League than Bobby we have never seen him, and if Robert could hit like Stock, Milton would probably be asked to exercise his talents elsewhere. There is little doubt that Byrne will be asked to perform at the last corner if Stock continues to hold out.

So much for the problem at third base. It is answered much easier than the others. If Niehoff sticks to his decision to remain outside the fold Moran has but one man in view for the midstation. His name is McLaughlin, and he is a youngster who has never yet been under big league fire. McLaughlin comes up well recommended and is touted as a world-beater, but so are a lot of others at this season of the year. Midsummer usually finds them pushing the old plow once more. However, McLaughlin looks better than most of them and under the direction of Moran he may be able to fill the bill. In discussing the infield possibilities it would not be well to forget Oscar Duguey. Oscar is something of an infielder, but since joining the Phillies he has had little chance to show his wares, owing to the efficiency of the incumbents. After a discouraging pair of years Duguey was slated for the minors this winter had Niehoff and Stock come to terms, but with both among the missing Oscar will be allowed to hang around the ball park one more season as utility man—a position he fills with praiseworthy success.

And the outfield—without Whitted the outer works will be weakened about fifty per cent, and Cravath the Terrible will be robbed of an opportunity of decorating the bench as of acting as pinch hitter. Moran had intended to play Paskert in center, Whitted, in left and Cooper in right this year, with Cravath utility man and head mauler of the apple in times of stress. With the Durham flash sulking in his tent, however, Cravath will be forced to take his regular place in the trenches, with Cooper performing in place of Whitted.

Braves Look Like a Good Bet

THE same sterling pitching staff, the same energetic infield and the same snappy, punchy outfield, probably will be seen in action for the Braves again this year. There are certain to be a few changes, but for the most part the Braves will be just as they finished a year ago. Such a solidity of purpose, a bulwark of defense and an angle of attack have been developed that to tear away part of the machine would be to damage it badly, in the opinion of George Stallings. He made a game fight a year ago and he figures he will be able to deliver the same punch again this year. The catching staff again will depend upon Hank Gowdy, the backstop who played with such amazing skill during the world's series of 1915. He will have as assistants Blackblin, a good youngster, and Traggesser. Rieco will be given a try-out, but is not expected to horn in ahead of the others.

Stallings remarked a short time ago that he has heard from Bill James and that the pitching star believes he can get his arm into shape for a season this summer. James was useless in the last campaign, but was kept on in the hope that he would develop something. So far it has been a hope, but he will be given plenty of time to get in shape this spring. Dick Rudolph, Nehf, Hughes, Ragan, Tyler and Davis are expected to hold up most of the pitching. This staff is plenty for most any club. Stallings, in fact, is rated by many to be in a position to give the Giants a stronger battle for the pennant than any manager in the league.

Collins, Magee and Witholt, the outfield which did the heavy work last year, seem to have the call, but in Joe Kelly, obtained from Chicago in the trade which sent Fred Mitchell to that city, a promising man has been added. Kelly has had major league experience. He will have to show the goods if he sticks. Larry Chappelle also will get another major league trial. The infield will be composed of Konechey, Evers, Maranville and Smith, a combination which never has failed to acquit itself with credit. The Braves now are in Miami, Fla., preparing for the season in their costly plant. They will meet the Athletics in a series of three games at Miami, beginning March 22.

Here's a Golf Run for Linksmen to Shoot At

ONE of the finest records for a straight run of victories over golf links that has been entered on the lists in some time is that which came to its death when Norman Maxwell was finally beaten last week on the nineteenth green at Pinehurst in the spring tournament there. Maxwell, now the golf pride of Philadelphia, had won the finals of four straight tournaments and was well on his way in the fifth in the semifinals when the ax was handed him by a youngster, Robert Hunter, whom he had beaten in the clash for the gold medal by a matter of six wide and comfortable strokes. "Nineteen" was the unlucky combination, for it was Maxwell's nineteenth match as well as the extra hole which split his downfall from the heights of glory. He was simply caught on an off golf day, which every golfer has had, and from an easy lead in the match things suddenly took a turn the other way and Maxwell was through.

Maxwell started on his run when he landed out in front in the local competition for the Geist Cup at Whitman's. There was an exceptionally large field entered and most of the best Philadelphia players were in the going. Maxwell won the cup for the second time, with a victory over Meredith Jack, Philadelphia junior champion. His next tournament was the fall invitation jousting at Shawnee. He wandered along careless-like till he came to Max Marston, one of the first ten golfers of the country and the personage who was already conceded the trophy as soon as he laid his name on the starting table.

But Now Our Pride Has Come a Cropper

HE HAD four straight tournament finals to his credit out of four starts, which meant sixteen straight matches, and a medal before his match-winning streak. He then entered the spring tournament at Pinehurst, one of the outstanding favorites, though the field was one of the largest that has ever started in a tournament in the history of American golf. Maxwell got a seven on the first hole of the thirty-six-hole qualifying round, after going in some bushes and taking three strokes to get out. It looked like a knockout, but he recovered with thirty-three strokes more to turn and a thirty-five for the home journey. Golf like that was a tonic for any one and Maxwell responded with another seventy-five the following day, winning one more gold medal. He carried off his first two matches in elegant fashion and had Hunter, his most dangerous opponent, two down at the fifteenth tee. It looked safe enough and Maxwell ceased up.

"This guy Hunter is a young feller," was his thought, perhaps. But Hunter took a brace, squared the match in two more holes, and then looked gone again when Maxwell easily won the next hole and only had to have the eighteenth for a win and entrance to the finals. But he lost it and then badly messed up the nineteenth, or first hole, which had been his hoodoo at the start of his medal round.

There are two styles of play in most every tournament, medal and match play. Winning the one is almost as much as winning the other, and there is a common belief that a medal winner can seldom win the match play. Maxwell got the medal at the tournament, so he has that for comfort. His has been a wonderful showing.

Bobby Reynolds's Sister "Plugging" His Game

THERE have been women managers and seconds of boxers, a sister and brother usually making up the combination, but for the first time in the history of pugilism a girl has come through as publicity agent for a government. Miss Anna Goldstein, sister of Bobby Reynolds, local boxer, whose real first name is Isadore, has been boosting "Our Bobby," as Miss Goldstein refers to her brother, for his bout next Thursday night against Jack Dunleavy. As a result, there will be several spectators at the Broadway Club who will see their first boxing match. The milkmen will be there, so will the butcher, the grocer, the banker, the broker and every one. Miss Goldstein admits the occasion of seeing in her daily routine, "Our Bobby," as Miss Goldstein admits, is the cleverest boxer in the world and, if Bobby's sister can be taken as a criterion, Bobby Reynolds is going to give a fine demonstration and a sound taling.

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HATBORO ATHLETES WIN FINAL MATCH

Defeat Narberth Quintet by Two Points—Close Race for Track Title

Hathboro High School ended a very successful season in the cage by defeating the Narberth High School basketball team 24 to 22 in one of the fastest games seen at Hathboro this season. Seventeen games won and only two lost is a record which the Hathboro students consider worthy of note and they are proud of the up-state team.

Verkes and Drexler proved a combination hard to stop and the former tallied four field goals and two fouls, while the latter made five field goals. Captain Kooker, Flowers and Parke were regulars on the team. Narberth High made a gallant fight for victory, but the teamwork and passing of Hathboro were too much for the visitors.

Captain Bill Turbin was closely watched and he failed to score his usual number of field and foul goals. While Turbin made only one field goal, Smith and Dickie, the forwards, scored eight, the former making six and Dickie two. Redifer and Harsch played the guard positions for Narberth and they put up a mucky battle.

Three Schools Favorites Central High, Northeast and West Philadelphia are favorites to win the indoor track and field title. Coach Sigmund's Northeast High School squad is just as hopeful as the Orange and Blue of West Philadelphia. If Central High is able to use many of the stars who were ineligible last month, then the Crimson and Gold must be counted as a contender for the title.

When Central lost more than half a dozen track stars last month, including Captain Behr, his finding in the "what is—and isn't—and amateur" question, proposes the following rule as an amendment to the existing law governing golf professionalism: "A professional golfer is one who accepts, directly or indirectly, any fee, gratuity, money or its equivalent as a consideration for playing and teaching the game, making and repairing golf clubs and balls, who has served, after reaching the age of sixteen, as caddie, caddy master or greenkeeper."

Baseball Players Report Baseball players are reporting daily at all the schools. Germantown High's twirlers include Mausner, Burnett and Langner. Hender, Cowdrick, Rice, Huvel and Gerhardt were lost either by graduation or because they left school. However, it is intelligible, Captain Harry Kidd has two regulars in Longstreet, catcher, and Surgeson, who plays second base.

"Friends" Central School depends upon Wazgen, Duncan, former "Whitman High School star, to do much of the twirling this year. Captain Remmy and Coach Kelscher think they have the making of a championship team. Harvey may be depended upon for mound duty. Taylor and Hearn are two twirlers of note. Smith, catcher; Simmons, Belbenack, Hinkle and Adams loom up as likely variety players.

At the Germantown Friends' School the baseball schedule is being completed by Manager M. W. Far Wood. With the basketball season over the students at Queen Lane are now turning their attention to baseball practice. Camden High added another game to its list of victories yesterday afternoon when the Gloucester High quintet was defeated, 43 to 19. If Camden can beat Moorestown High, the young youngsters will end the season fifty-fifty, with a record of nine wins and nine lost.

Gieges, Richman, Smith, Ivory, Magee and Parsons shared the honors of the win over Gloucester. Williams, the star forward, was sick and unable to take part in the contest. Gieges, as usual, led in the scoring, with nine field goals. Richman made six and Smith had five. Captain Smith also made a four goal, but was a form, for he had five shots from the chalk line.

SMITH, STAR SPRINTER, QUILTS STUDIES AT PENN Elmer Smith, former Mercersburg sprinter and a member of last year's freshman team, has left Penn. During the recent midyear examinations he failed to pass the required amount of studies, but it was thought that he could be excused in such a way that he could compete this spring. The executive committee, however, failed to make any allowance for him, and dropped him from the college rolls. Smith will return in the fall, but will be eligible to run for Penn next spring.

BILLIARDIST BLAKE LOSES San Diego Expert Beaten First Time in Amateur Tourney

BOSTON, March 6.—Edward P. Gardner, of New York, and E. L. Milburn, of Memphis, were the winners yesterday in the national amateur championship 15.2 ball line Class A billiard tournament at the Boston Athletic Association. Gardner defeated Jacob Klinger, of New York, 400 to 310. Ledyard Blake, of San Diego, Cal., lost to Milburn, 400 to 323. Blake's defeat was his first at the tournament.

Why Alexander Is Great

Table with 2 columns: Statistic and Value. Includes 'Years in big league', 'Games pitched', 'Average hits per game', etc.

MAX BEHR WRITES BOOK ON AMATEUR PROBLEM

Amateur Golfer Can't Play for Fee, Teach, Caddy or Repair, Says Player

"A professional is one who plays or teaches a game for money."

Max Behr, in a little book "What Is Amateurism?" which he has sent to his friends—voices the sentiment of the vast army of sport lovers when he says:

"The making or the sale of instruments with which a game is played does not make the playing of a game a vocation to one so employed."

Behr has made a study of the whole muddled situation that has come about through rulings by the ruling powers of golf, tennis and kindred sports.

After a clear-cut argument to back Behr up in his finding in the "what is—and isn't—and amateur" question, proposes the following rule as an amendment to the existing law governing golf professionalism:

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Behr then outlines what he thinks is proper conduct for amateurs in the following paragraph:

"An amateur golfer, who has gained prominence through his play, shall at all times hold himself aloof from committing any act which would bring him into the public eye as a professional in playing the game or willfully allow his prominence to be made use of for profit to himself or any one else. Any amateur golfer who conducts himself contrary to this stipulation of conduct shall be considered as a professional in all amateur competition held under the auspices of the U. S. G. A.; provided, however, that the above shall in no way place restrictions upon the vocation a golfer may be in at the time of his playing, or upon his writing, editing or publishing articles, magazines or books on golf."

MRS. BRITTON GIVES \$25,000 OPTION ON CARDS

ST. LOUIS, March 6.—An option on the St. Louis National Baseball Club has been obtained by James C. Jones, attorney for the club, when he gave Mrs. Helen E. Britton, owner, a check for \$25,000 as earnest money. Sixty days were given in which to make a payment of \$150,000 on the purchase price of \$350,000.

Mr. Jones said, however, that he would not make the second payment unless \$250,000 is available at the end of the sixty days' period.

Mr. Jones said John K. Tener, president of the National League, would confer with the promoters of the new company in St. Louis this week, probably tomorrow.

It is understood that Branch Rickey, now business manager of the St. Louis Americans and formerly manager of that team, has been talked of as head of the new Nationals.

EDDIE PLANK LEAVES FOR BROWNIEN'S SOUTHERN CAMP

GETTYSBURG, Pa., March 6.—Eddie Plank left to join the St. Louis American for the spring training trip. He signed his contract several days ago.

Bowling News

Standard Roller Bearing Company, the Industrial League leader, dropped a game to Ward Collins, of the Western Electric, took time from Atlantic. Western Electric has a chance to tie Standard for first place, but to do so it must win all three of Ward Collins' postponed series.

MERCERSBURG TO RACE PENN FRESH

Much Interest in Special Two-Mile Dual at Meadowbrook Games

A race on the program of the Meadowbrook Club meet in Commercial Museum next Saturday night, which is attracting no end of attention, is the two-mile event between the University of Pennsylvania freshmen and Mercersburg Academy.

It is the feeling that the 1917 freshman team at the University of Pennsylvania is the best in the colleges, and that Coach Robertson has a first-class two-mile relay team. Mercersburg has a fine one, too.

In the mile relay race at George Washington in Washington last Friday night the Meadowbrook team ran the fastest relay of the night, and Mike Sullivan, the former Catholic High and St. Gregory's Club sprinter, ran the fastest quarter of the night 34 4-5 seconds. And any one who runs better than 35 seconds for the quarter mile on the Convention Hall track in Washington is running faster than the wind.

After the meet Jimmy Curran, the Mercersburg coach, confided that Mercersburg would beat the freshman team at two miles. The Mercersburg boys are of the opinion that Mike Sullivan will beat Eddie Shields if the pair get away to an even start. They think that Sullivan will run close to two minutes at the University of Pennsylvania.

Robertson will have, besides Shields, Eby, Gustafson and several more athletes who can step close to two minutes out of doors. Robertson does not intend to lose a thing with his freshmen. He wants to run Mercersburg without Eby, but he will run the Chicago lad if he has to. Robertson wants to give Eby all the opportunity possible to win the Meadowbrook invitation 660 yards and the 1000-yard handicap.

Earl Ehm, the pocket edition of Ted Meredith, will be watching in the Meadowbrook meet. He is a fine piece of running machinery.

Elmer Smith has left Pennsylvania and Coach Robertson's mile relay team smashed with his leaving.

Dick Cleveland, son of former President Cleveland, is one of the Princeton entries in the short-cut in the Meadowbrook games.

George Dornell, who will run on the New York intercollegiate team in the Meadowbrook meet, recently equaled the junior American record for 300 yards.

Farwell, of Yale, is one of the few athletes that wear choppers in competition. He is a fine hurdler.

Joe Loomis won the 40-yard dash, high jump and 100-yard dash in the recent Chicago A. A. games. He will try to repeat in the Meadowbrook meet.

Brooke Brewer, the Washington sprinter, has only been defeated by Joe Loomis this year. They will meet again Saturday night.

It is necessary to have a mark of better than 4:10 and 16 minutes to run in the Meadowbrook one and three mile runs.

JIMMY ARCHER LEAVES TO "MAKE UP" WITH THE CUBS

CHICAGO, March 6.—Jimmy Archer, the great pegging backstop of the Cubs for eight years past, left here today for Texas in high hopes that differences between him and the local National League team may be adjusted. Friends of Archer, banquetting him at a local hotel last night, offered to raise \$1000, the salary difference Archer is holding out for. Archer will train with the San Antonio club, of the Texas League, not many miles from where the White Sox are training.

The Gunthers, crack team in a city league here, are considering making Archer an offer to manage the club this year.

BIG 1918 WRESTLING MEET SCHEDULED IN YALE GYM

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., March 6.—The New England intercollegiate wrestling meet for next winter has been awarded to Yale and the bouts will be put on at the college gymnasium the second Saturday in March. Thomas Penney, assistant wrestling manager at Yale, has been elected president of the association, and F. B. Todd, of Harvard, secretary-treasurer.

BARRY AND HIS RED SOX ARRIVE IN SPRING CAMP

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., March 6.—Thirty-five members of the Boston American League squad, club officials and baseball writers have arrived here for the annual spring training. The party included President Frazee and Manager Barry.

DOCTOR SEXTON LOSES SUIT

Fermer Harvard Baseball Coach Cannot Recover Back Salary

BOSTON, March 6.—The suit of Dr. Frank J. Sexton, coach of the Harvard baseball nine for two years, to recover from the university money which he claimed to be due him as salary, was taken from the jury and a verdict awarded the defendant in the Superior Court.

In his testimony the former coach said he had resigned because he considered the provisions of his contract broken when the graduate athletic committee sent several members on to the field after criticizing his methods.

"ATTABOY" IN RINGING CHORUS WILL SWEEP THE LAND IN ANCIENT ROAD OF WELCOME IN FIVE MORE WEEKS

Only Thirty-five Odd Days of Warming Up Before Baseball Season Is on Again—Chase Was 101 Per Cent Has-Been

By GRANTLAND RICE

Song of the Stalwart Behind us rest the rose-sweet years Of soft content—and fame; For we now take the way of those Who play the braver game; Who drive head-on against red Fate, Along the storm-swept shore; Who, brave, red-hearted, down the field, Regardless of the score.

Behind us wait old-fashioned ways, The lilac time of life, When all we knew were purple drifts Beyond the sweep of strife; But we have found the answer now Among the waiting grave, Who only know the final goals Of glory—or the grave.

And Love shall meet us with a rose, And, necleracing our dreams, Soft arms shall seek to hold us back Along the singing streams; And Failure's legions sweep our lines From front and flank and rear Through sunless days of bitterness—Through starless nights of fear.

And we shall mark our trail beyond The dreams that we have lost, Where we shall hold the open road Nor count the bitter cost; Content to know when each stark soul Has passed the outpost stars The Scorer counts no medals there—He only counts the scars.

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Speaking of that golf ball which carries an extra twenty-five yards—what'll keep the other guy from playing with it, too?

Just a year ago at this date Hal Chase was discarded, virtually blacklisted out of major league play and acknowledged far and near as 100 per cent has-been. No one even thought of taking him on a training trip. Will some one kindly look over the records and see who led the National League at bat last fall and was picked as the best first baseman in the game?

Considerable Outfield Those fan-tinted citizens from Texas to

Ban on Kissing Placed on Oarsmen by Coach CAMBRIDGE, Mass., March 6.—Lavin' has received somewhat of a knockout blow from the University of Pennsylvania. The Massachusetts Institute of Technology, in a letter to the University of Pennsylvania one week before any of the season's races are to be held, forbids the candidate in a set of rules.

The oarsman made a kick about the edict, but in vain. Her sweaters also are talking mutiny, but Manager Littlefield is adamant in his position. He admits the rule does not affect himself.

CARMAN AND WILEY LEAD IN FRISCO SIX-DAY RACE SAN FRANCISCO, March 6.—Nine teams at the end of the sixteenth hour of the six-day bicycle race here had covered 368 miles and nine laps, which is three miles and eight laps more than the best previous distance for the time. Carman and Wiley were leading.

A. Spencer collapsed in a sprint and left the race. W. Spencer obtained a new partner, in Jack Magin, who also had lost his teammate, Eddie Madden. Spencer and Magin and Quinn and Bello were even, one lap behind the nine leaders.

Rutgers Re-elects Wittpen Captain NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., March 6.—John N. Miles Wittpen, of Newark, captain of the Rutgers basketball team, has been re-elected for next season.

Georgi to Captain Tigers' Swimmers PHILADELPHIA, N. J., March 6.—In place of C. H. Burchenal, forced to resign because of scholastic deficiencies, George J. Nyack, N. Y., has been elected captain of the Princeton University swimming team. He is a member of the sophomore class.

Powhatan Five Still Winning The Powhatan Boys' Club, of South Beach, defeated the St. Clair second team 32-24. The clever paring of the boys' club enabled it to overcome the lead of the St. Clair team in the second half.

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