# DEFEATS MAR GIANTS' RECORD—THE PHILS MISSED CLEAN SLATE BY SIX BEATINGS

## LY ATTACK PHILS HAVE SHOWN DATE IS OF ANCIENT VINTAGE. AN OFFENSIVE THAT IS OFFENSIVE

is Soon Will Resurrect That Old and Noxious Query, "What Is the Matter With the Phillies?" Unless Reform Is Accomplished

CK in the dark ages, before the Phillies cantered to a championship under he leadership of Pat Moran and were known as the Pennantless Prides of hla, a query was born on the lips of Quaker City fans which was repeated en that it became a dirge of failure. In those cheerless days when two folof our national pastime met they gazed at each other with cheerless eyes then chanted the noxious words, "What IS the matter with the Phillies?" recall this unpleasant history not with any desire to probe old wounds, but y to furnish Patrick Moran and his plastered players some food for reflection. Despite the fact that the Phillies have lost six out of nine games, there is g fundamentally wrong with the team. The trouble is not chronic. The a simply are in a rut, but if they stay in it much longer they will be so far nd that there can be no catching up. In 1915 the Phils got away to a splendid which placed them in a position to annex a championship. Last season they beat the barrier and were up there or thereabouts throughout the entire

They will miss the advantages of a flying start along about next August. Up to date the Phils have shown a flat, colorless attack that lacks resource-Their offensive has been very offensive to their followers. A football which has only one system of attack cannot hope for much, and the same g goes for a baseball machine. Moran's menials have been going out there after day and perpetrating the same old moth-caten methods which were touted hot stuff in the days of Cap Anson, but which are not even considered good by back-lot artists today. Such base-runners as Whitted, Bancroft and ukert are getting on the hassocks and then furnishing studies in still-life in the be that some pal will kindly come along and knock the pill out of the lot so

THE mere fact that twenty-one of Moran's athletes have been stranded on the pads in the last two games tells the story. They have not been advancing on their own initiative and the timely blows necessary to move them have not been forthcoming.

#### The Old Army Game Should Be Shot at Sunrise

HE old army game may be fine business when a team is in the throes of a terrific hitting streak that may come once in a season, but as a daily dish it is sure way to the cellar. It is distinctly up to the Phillies to digest this fact and how something on the bases. To date stolen sacks have been as plentiful as pacifiets in Ireland. Their attack has lacked fire as well as everything else, and a consequence some splendid pitching has been totally ruined. The most acute fferer has been Joe Oeschger, who performed in fine style on two occasions. dy to see the game frittered away by a puny attack. This may prove more sastrous than the mere loss of a couple of ball games, for Oeschger is just arting as a regular big league pitcher and he needs the encouragement of a few ories. A few more such discouraging afternoons may spoil the youth's career. Those who can see nothing but misfortune in the fact that the Phils are

ng into a series with the powerful Giants today at a time when they appear be in a slump do not understand the sort of men Pat Moran has working for It will probably prove a good thing for the Phillies, for it will arouse their ghting spirit and force them to play the sort of baseball they are capable of sying. The men of Moran need some strong medicine to cure their tendency to ckslide, and a clash with the aggressive Giants (for whom they feel no friendship because of the events of last season) may be just the sort of tonic they require

There is no disposition on the part of the Moranmen to bow to the powerful cGraw machine. Yesterday they were out there describing to each other the astly ruin they are going to make of the Giants in this series. Their watchword is "Watch us go," and they mean every word of it.

THERE is always a mountain of hope for the team which is ready to fight and has a proper amount of confidence. It must be remembered that Whitted, Stock and Niehoff, one-third of the team, did not enjoy the benefits of southern training, and as a consequence the club was not a smooth working machine when the season opened.

#### No-Hit Games Are Quite Popular This Year

SEORGE MOGRIDGE busted into select society with his no-hit game against the Red Sox yesterday. George got by in swell shape, although he allowed enemy one run, which came after an error, a pass and two sacrifices. But he Yankee hurler cares pothing of the one score against him. That hitless stuff the goal he has been shooting at since entering the league, and now that he as it George doesn't feel any better than a guy with a \$1900 check. Many pitchers we tried in vain to hurl a no-hit battle, but few have been rewarded. Our own Alexander the Great never got by with it, although he threatened to break in on or three occasions. In 1912 he had the Braves hitless until the ninth inning and Doc Miller spoiled everything by hitting safely. In 1915, when St. Louis was pelessly beaten, two men out in the ninth and two strikes called on him, Butler alf a perfect strike for two bags and again Alex was foiled. We don't know written law that the last man up will overlook a few strikes if his team is far behind and the pitcher has a no-hit game in his grasp. That means Alex was ssed when he deliberately threw a perfect strike on the two occasions he tried apply the whitewash.

Mogridge is the second twirler to win hitless games this year. Eddie Cicotte. moist artist of the White Sox, blanked St. Louis without a score or a bingle m April 14. Thus we have two of those things within ten days. Last year the on went along until June 16, when Hughes, of Boston, used the double blank Pittsburgh. Five days later Foster, of the Red Sox, operated on the Yankees, d after that there was nothing doing until August 26. Joe Bush worked against Neveland that day and gave them the whitewash good and plenty. The final act the season was put on by Dutch Leonard when he took advantage of St. Looey. After a severe struggle with the mathematics of the case, we find that out of six litless combats five were staged in the American League.

Now we are prepared for an avalanche of questions, entitled "Are the pitchers in the American League better than those in the National League or are the batters in the National League stronger than those in the American League?" Right now we decline to answer. We are neutral.

## Athletics Have a Game Baseball Team

THE Athletics have made more than one game uphill fight this season. After vanquishing the Red Sox in an extra-inning game, they came right back at Washington with another and won out. They are fighting every minute, and not mtil the last man is out in the ninth do they quit. Yesterday's game with the enators is an example. Griff's men walloped Elmer Myers for six runs in the ond, giving them the lead by the score of 7 to 1. But a little thing like that didn't worry Mack's maulers to any great extent. They came back with a score in the fourth and in the seventh they put on one of the batting rallies which netted three runs. That put them only three tallies to the bad and they tried hard to get them. Because they failed is no argument that the lay down on the ob. They threatened in the last chapter, had men on bases, but the needed hits did not come through. Connie has a dangerous club this year and those sluggers are likely to bust up the old ball game at any time.

There is something wrong with Elmer Myers. When he is good, he is very, very good; but when he is on the blink, the opposing team almost breaks down the fences with their terrific drives. No pitcher in the big leagues looks so sad as Elmer on an off day. One day last year in Cleveland he had all kinds of stuff on the ball, but he got few over the plate. The reason for this was that the batters et the ball before it got over and slammed it all over the lot. The same thing pened in Detroit, but a few days later he had them eating out of his hand. The I twirler is an engima, and Connie is anxious to have him forget those off days d do some good work.

THE A's registered seven legal swats yesterday, thus proving that they have not yet lost their batting eyes. Stuffy McInnis headed the list withstwo, which adds to his record. Stuffy is beginning to attract much attention with his hitting and has a chance to establish a unique record.

DETROIT again fell by the wayside when it had the game sewed up and allowed St. Louis to score seven runs in one inning yesterday. As usual, the Tiger chers flivved and the Browns did the rest. Too bad Jennings can't develop me regular twirlers.

White Sox beat Cleveland and made only two hits. All of which goes to show that the number of hits do not figure in the percentage column when a of series contender is picked. The Indians made five safeties off Scott.

T year when it came time for Jim Thorpe to make his annual pilgrimage, is Graw shipped him to Milwaukee. This year he was sent to Cincinnati.

atherson, the world's greatest hurdler, will not compete in the Pennsylvaarmival on Friday afternoon. Owing to the cessation of public competitions results of Missouri finds itself without any funds to send Simpson East.

> riate track and field he meeting of the executive



A HANDY MAN ABOUT THE HOUSE

## GERMANTOWN HIGH BEATS WEST PHILA

Coach Lewis's Boys Suddenly Come to Life and Win League Title

CENTRAL HIGH ALSO WINS

Germantown High pulled the surprise yesterday when the uptown team took West Philadelphia High School into camp by a score of 7 to 2. In addition to losing this game, the West Phillies were informed that they must play Trades School over again, as the ten-inning victory of last Friday would not count in the league.

Dixon pitched for the Orange and Blue, but he was in very good trim, while Kulp, the Germantown twirler, was doing great work. He did not allow the West Phillies single hit until the fourth inning. Buchanan's timely triple in the first inning cored Hein, Burnett and Surgeson.

It was just the tonic the Germantown players needed.

Keyed up to their highest form, they added three more runs in the fifth inning. Schaeffer's timely single and an error enabled Surgeson, Kidd and Kirkby to tally. Brown's home run in the ninth was the only redeeming feature for the losers.

Central High is going strong in the Interscholastic League race. The victory over Frankford High yesterday, 9 to 6, gave the Crimson and Gold second place in the league. Trades School is now leading with Silverman's work with the stick was the feature of Central's victory. Martin and Cravis did the pitching.

When Drew, the Northeast High Twirler, hit the ball clear down the field he scored the home run which tied the score and helped Northeast to end the game 6 to 6

with South Philadelphia.

La Salle College and St. Joseph's College play their first big game at Potter's Field, Front street and Eric avenue, this afternoon. Francis Mena, a Mexican, will twirl for La Salle College. Coach Panzullo also has Wescott ready to send on the

Brown Preparatory cannot very well help to win baseball games when "Bob" Mc-Kenty pitches. If Connie Mack hasn't Kenty pitches. already signed him up it wouldn't hurt the Athletics' manager to look McKenty over. He has the stuff, as the Chestnut Hill and many other schoolboy players will

Brown beat Chestnut Hill yesterday 4 to 0. Rather, McKenty beat Chestnut Hill. In spite of the fact that Rometsch "brought down the house" with a catch in right field, a one-handed grab that robbed Mc-Kenty of a two-bagger; notwithstanding the fact that Cramp gathered in Wittmaser's long fly to deep center field by making an "over-the-feft-shoulder" catch and regard-less of Taylor's wonderful running catch,

the Brownies won.

McKenty is the answer. He allowed only one hit. That was Ross's single along the third-base foul line. The Brownies think he should be credited with a no-hit game, but he Chestnut Hill scorer thought otherwise At any rate McKenty's feat was excep-

According to the Germantown Academy boys the St. Luke's School baseball players thought they were perfectly justified in leaving the field in the third inning and defaulting the game to Germantown Acadcony when Umpire Greer ruled that the coacher at third base had no right to touch the Wayne players who rounded

third on their way to the home plate. Greer says the Wayne coacher touched the men. The rules state that a player cannot be touched. If he is he is out. There-fore, St. Luke's players erred in leaving the field. Even if the umpire made a mistake in rendering such a decision the game should have been played and protested later. It is a poor policy for any team to leave the field, and schoolboys should know better.

#### TWO PENNSY ATHLETES JOIN NAVAL RESERVES

Johnny Titzel, pitcher of the University of Pennsylvania team, has enlisted in the Naval Coast Defense Reserves and expects to be called out within a week or so. In Titzel, Penn will lose the best left-hander it has had for several years. He is a sophomore and was the star of the freshman team last season.

Jim Clarke, the 158-pound wrestling champion of the Red and Blue, also enlisted

with Titzel.

In addition to being a baseball star.

Titzel was a sub on the varsity football

Bill to Legalize Sunday Ball HARRISBURG. Pa., April 25.—Sunday base-ili will be a reality in Pennsylvania if the bil esented in the House last night by Representa ve Neary, of Philadelphia. Is cancted. The ill would lessifie Sunday baseball between

## WITH LAJOIE, WAGNER, ET AL. ON THE OLD BALL LOT HE WAS YOUNG; AND AS VETS FADE HE, TOO, AGED

Youth Remains With Fan as Long as It Does With Old Stars, and When Players Pass He Grows Old Overnight

By GRANTLAND RICE

Song of the Stalwart

We fought the fight-and the cause was

We form again for the charge like men,

Wagner, Lajoie, Matty, Walsh, Brown-

ders along, using his left arm largely for

No wonder those oldtime Mackmen were

unbeatable. There's John Wesley Coombs and Eddie Plank still winning for the Dod-

gers and the Browns; Barry, the main-stay of the Red Sox; Collins, the star of the

White Sox; Baker, the storm center of the Yanks—with no less than five ball clubs bolstered up by the talent that once grew

and bloomed in Connie's ancient orchard. In those days Connie had four or five good

A few days ago some one asked John

Lawrence Sullivan what he thought of pres-ent-day fighters. John Lawrence told him.

But on account of the strict war-time cen-

Just a suggestion—Benny Leonard vs. Freddie Weish—25 per cent of the receipts to the Red Cross fund. Yes? No?

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here what John Lawrence said

Beaten-but never broken:

right—
And that is the sum of all.

Beaten-but still unbending;

Battered—but never down; Ready for fight unending,

With never a thought of crown;

One with the off-defeated, But sweet from the gory wall,

For that is the sum of all.

the purpose.

Battered—but without shame; No lawel crest for the token Of how we played the game; No lawel—save in the knowing Of brave hearts after the fall,

HE WAS what you night call a fan Maranville threw far over Konetchy, and Koney, in turn, pegged over Massey at section delegate to Rooters' Row more than firmed delegate to Rooters' Row more than twenty years ago-back ween Lajole and Wagner were just breaking in-when big Ed Delehanty was tearing down fences and Willie Keeler was piking along around .372.

The first time we ran across him was back in 1905, when Mathewson smashed all world series records by pitching three shutouts in a row against one of the hardest hitting clubs of the game. He was then nearly forty—and that was twelve cam-paigns ago. But he looked to be something under thirty.

For his devotion to sport—the game that belongs to youth—had held him young. was following play, and in doing so he had forgotten to grow old.

Last spring, when he had passed fifty, he ad still forgotten that Time had been hecking off the hours and days. He looked to be under forty.

"Why, fifty isn't old "Old?" he suic There's Hans out there at forty-two, still showing up most of these infielders around twenty-five. And Larry at forty looks like a kid. Fifty may be old if you work in a bank, but it's nothing when you are out here in the stands watching these kids like

here in the stands watching these kids like Wagner and Lajoie and Matty flop around."
We saw him again a few days ago, and we hardly knew him. He looked to be beyond sixty. He looked wrinkled and tired. In a year he had put on over ten years. He was looking across the field in a listless way. We thought at first he probably had come upon some serious iliness.
"No." he said, "I haven't been sick, but

No. he satu.

I guess I'm not as young as I thought I was. But I never realized it until a few days ago—until I looked over the box scores to see how Lajoic. Wagner, Evers and Matty were getting along. But all I saw was Ward and Grover and Massey and Schneider where the old bunch used to

"Ward and Grover and Massey and Schneider in place of Wagner, Lajole, Evers were still a lot of kids-

## Sport and Youth

Sport comes closer than anything eise to being that fabled fountain of eternal youth which Ponce de Leon hunted for over sportless waste. This last winter at Pinehurst we watched

two golfers leave the first tee. One was seventy and the other was seventy-three. But neither looked to be a day over fifty-five. Both were tanned a healthy brown five. Both were tanned a healthy brown— and the eyes of both still carried the vital spark. "I remember," remarked an oldtimer,

"I remember," remarked an oldtimer,
when these first started coming here, over
fifteen years ago. They looked older then
than they look today, and in everything
except years they were."

The sun and the wind and the open
places, mixed with the spirit of play, are
the great Youth makers.

the great Youth makers.

And not even three-score-years-and-ten can hold them down.

## The Wild Ball

A short time ago the Boston Braves sud-denly began an exhibition of wild pegging.



## **OLGA DORFNER IN** "220" TITLE SWIM

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MEET SCHEDULED MAY 5

The national 220-yard championship race for women will be held in New York on May 5, and will bring together the greatohe into center field. As Kelley's return to third went far to the left of Red Smith, Sherwood Magee, in a foghern voice, sounded the alarm. "My God," he yelled, "the ball's wild. Cage it! Cage it!" est women swimmers in the country. Entries have been received from swimmers all over the country, but Miss Dorothy Burns, of San Francisco; Miss Claire Gallegan, of New York, and Miss Olga Dorfner, of this city, are the favorites. Miss Dorfner, the present champion and record holder, will be on hand to defend her title, but will have to swim in record time to win.
On May 17 the annual intercity swim-

ming meet between the women swimmers of New York and Philadelphia will be held in the Philadelphia Turngemeinde pool. The Phillie swimmers splashed through the drink a handy winner over the New Yorkers last season, and expect to repeat this

Miss Dorfner, the champion and record holder of the 50, 100 and 220 yard races, will compete in these races. Miss Pennepacker, the Middle Atlantic diving champion, won the diving event last year after hard battle with Miss Bartlett, the metropolitan champion, and a member the New York squad. all over the hill. But the old Ghost of Gettysburg—one Eddie Plank—still floun-

#### DARCY'S BAN IN OHIO RINGS IS NOT LIFTED

COLUMBUS, O., April 25.-Les Darcy con't box in Ohio.

Governor Cox said so emphatically today when informed Promoter Stambaugh and a party from Youngstown are coming to see him in regard to Darcy's mill scheduled in Youngstown next month. Cox said he would give out a statement

later today explaining his refusal to permit Darcy's appearance in this State.

## PENN PENTATHLON HAS STAR ENTRIES

Hoot, Local Lad at Swarthmore, to Vie for Berry's Title

ON FRIDAY'S PROGRAM

The pentathion championship on Friday, the first day of Pennsylvania's two-day relay race carnival, promises to be one of the big features. All eyes of Philadelphians will be turned on Howard Berry, one of the most famous athletes in America and a real Philadelphia product. Berry has won this all-around competition, emblematic of the college all-round championship of America, for the last two years. He of America, for the last two years. He will need to be in the best of shape, for the entries are the best that have ever been received for such a college competition. They contain fifteen names.

It is possible that Burke, of Wisconsin, and Thomson, two very good men, will not be allowed to come because of the but even without them Berry will have very hard competition, Coach Mercer, of Swarthmore, has been grooming another philadelphia boy ever since Christmas for this event. He is Hoot, formerly of the Friends' Central School. Hoot is good with the javelin and the discus and a fair broad the standard of the javelin and the discus and a fair broad jumper. He should run Berry very close in these three events. Coach Mercer expects him to win the discus and possibly the javelin. He has thrown the long spear more than 160 feet in practice. Berry also has done this, and it may be that the rerais done this, and it may be that the result of the contest will hinge on this event. It is thought that Berry will win both the 200 meters and the 1500 meters run, though it is said that Hoot has shown excellent speed for the shorter distance.

Gillo, of Colgate, will be backed by his Hamilton, New York, friends to beat Berry. Gillo is a fine all-round athlete, being especially good at the runs and the broad jump. His chances against Berry will depend on his ability to throw the discus and the

Jones, Dambly and Wilson, of Penn State, have worked faithfully for the last three months on this event. Coach Martin says that they are all good men and that he thinks one of them will prove to be the

In addition to these men, Ganzel, of Bucknell; McCarthy, of Lehigh; Roberts, of Syracuse, and Creighton, of Pennsyl-vania, are entered.

Tuohey Easy for Dundee NEW YORK, April 25.—Johnny Dundee, of this city, was an easy winner over Tommy Tuchey, of Paterson, N. J., in a ten-round bout in Brocklyn last night. Dundee weighed 182 pounds, and Tuchey, 131.



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