BARNEY DREYFUS IS SAID TO BE READY TO MAKE A SEPARATE PEACE WITH HONUS WAGNER

OESCHGER ENTERS INTO BREACH AS THE RUNNER-UP TO ALEXANDER FOR PHILLIES' HURLING LAURELS

Californian Shows Signs of Being Able Assistant to the Nebraskan Great, and Pat Moran's Pitching Staff Is Bolstered

EACH year some pitcher on Pat Moran's payroll jumps to the front, hurls exceptionally good ball and acts as an able assistant for Alexander. In 1915 Erskine Mayer was the strong guy on the second fiddle and last year Eppa Rixey was the big noise. This year another twirler is out for honors as able assistant, and judging from his work thus far, the shoes vacated by Mayer and Rixey will be ably filled. The most recent star is none other than Joe Oeschger, and Joseph is SOME flinger. He hasn't won all of his games, but he cannot be blamed for that. He deserved shut-outs against Boston and Brooklyn, but erralic fielding on the part of his pals prevented the whitewash. Yesterday, however, he was well taken care of both in the field an' at bat, and he turned back the Cardinals by the score of 4 to 0. Joe never looked better, and even his most critical critics must admit that he has the goods. Only three hits were made by the enemy, no two of them coming

Oeschger got himself out of a tight place in the opening stanza, when he passed two with only one out. He pulled himself together, however, struck out Jack Miller and caused Hornsby to hit to Bancroft. In the fourth, after Hornsby had doubled against the bull sign and got \$50 along with a two-bagger. Joe retired the next two hitters without effort. Again in the ninth, when things looked dubious with two on and nobody out. Oeschger prevented the enemy from hitting the ball out of the infield and the runners perished on the sacks. Joe has been with the club three seasons and this is the first time that he has shown that he is "right." In 1915 he was sent to Providence for further seasoning and last year he was only mediocre. Under Pat Moran's training he developed fast and now is ready to take his place with the best in the business. The Phils will be aided considerably by Oeschger's twisters this year and the pitching staff will be rounded out. Rixey, Mayer, Lavender and Fittery are good twirlers, and as soon as they get going the other clubs will have their troubles.

THERE was some heavy hitting in the combat. George Whitted heading the list with two doubles, a single and a sacrifice out of four trips to the plate. Dode Paskert also came through with two hits and Gavvy Crayath annexed a single and a homer. That four-base wallop, by the way, was one of the longest hits ever made on the Phillies' grounds. It sailed over the center-field barrier on the fly and landed near the clubhouse Bert Niehoff knocked one over the fence a couple of years ago, but it was

Wild Throw and Wild Pitch Count for Victory

BREAKS of the game usually decide a close game, but seldom is victory spelled in a hurling duel by a wild pitch. The Athletics evened up their first series in St. Louis with the Browns on two wild throws, only one of which goes down into history as an error. In the third period of yesterday's game Bill Johnson, Connie's utility outfielder, gallivanting in the right gawlen in Thrasher's stead. romped around to the keystone sack on a weird throw of his grounder to Ernie Johnson, the St. Louis second bagman. Then Earl Hamilton let fly a weird heave to the grand stand and the fleet-footed Billiam circled the third station and crossed the plate before the ball was retrieved by Catcher Severeid. This lone tally gave the Mackmen their first victory in the West, as neither Bullet Joe Bush nor Hamilton allowed the other team to bunch sufficient hits for another score,

THE contest was a real pitching tilt, and goes to prove that young Mr. Bush's right wing still is in working order. Bush's work on the hillock is depended on greatly by Mack for the Athletics' showing in the American League race this year. With a run or two behind him in every game, Sir Joseph can be expected to pull down quite a few victories.

Ernie Johnson Says Koob Deserves a No-Hit Game

ST. LOUIS players and fans alike insist that Ernie Koob held the White Sox hitless last Saturday and the single hit awarded them by the official scorer should be wiped out. It is claimed that an error should have been chalked up on the play, and Johnson, who subbed for Del Pratt at second base, admits he made the foozle. It was Weaver's grounder to Johnson that was originally scored as a hit and then changed to an error for the Brownie second baseman, giving Koob a no-hit game. This raised a storm of protest-which was right-and one of the St. Looey scribes asked Johnson to give his opinion of the play

"I made a rank error," said Johnson, "and I am not saying this because by charging me with an error Koobie gets a no-bit game. At the end of the first inning I was kicking myself as I came in to the bench because I had not thrown out Weaver. The ball was hit straight at me, and although I got in front of it, it hopped out of my hands. But as it fell 'dead' at my feet, I still had a chance to get the runner. I picked up the ball and started to throw to Sisler, but for some reason the ball slipped out of my hand and flew over my shoulder. It was all my fault, and as it was one of the easiest chances I ever have had, it can be called nothing else but an error."

NOTWITHSTANDING this stand, it is safe to say that the score will not be changed. The Baseball Writers' Association will not stand for it and Ban Johnson won't allow it. The official scorer makes his ruling when the play occurs and it stands. That is the way we do it here in Philadelphia, and few kicks have resulted.

There May Be No Football Next Year, But Let's Wait Until Fall

TTHE action of the University of Minnesota in calling off football for next fall seems to be premature. The season is six months off and many things can happen in that time. The war may be over, and there also is a chance of conditions adjusting themselves so that games can be played as of yore. Of course, there is a possibility of many of the best men joining the colors, but there will be other students in college to play on the team and the sport should not be allowed

There was to have been a football meeting in Philadelphia the first day of the Penn relays, but because of unsettled conditions Dr. James A. Babbitt postponed it until next month. Managers, captains and coaches of the big eastern elevens were to have met to discuss the schedules for next season and select officials for the big games. It is an annual affair, and although the men were on hand, it was deemed best to call things off until a later date. The colleges have not thought of calling off the schedules and are making arrangements to play the games. Herbert W. Taylor, secretary of the board on officials, sees no change. "All of the colleges have responded and sent in their schedules and names of football officials for next fall," he said, "and we are just as busy now as last year, None of the eastern colleges has given up football, and I doubt if anything will be done until September or October."

WE HAVE contended that athletics should be continued in colleges along with military drill. The men will need some diversion, and there is nothing better to keep their minds off their worries than a football game. Also, it will keep the men in better physical shape for active service if they are called.

The Diminutive Huggins Comes Back

THE rooting bugs generally get the decision on the ground of superior numbers. As a result of which few wise managers or players serving in the coaching role invite a popular debate. Manager Miller Huggins, the diminutive leader of the Cardinal squad, does not have to invite a discussion with the rooting contingent His size looks after that feature for him.

That he is well capable of looking after his interests in such a contest, however, was shown during the last Pirate series. The hounds from the stands had been following him hard for several innings. The general inquiry was, "How could a party with such shrimp-like physique hold down an imposing job like big league pilot?" To which Huggins finally retorted that his main asset in getting by consisted in being able to put over trades with the Pirates, meaning the Jack Miller deal.

When Miller came up in the final inning, and at the critical point in the game. attention was again called to the matter in hand by both sides. When Jack came through with's ripping two-bagger that sewed up the contest the bugs were completely subdued, while Mr. Huggins was in a strongly contrasted frame of mind.

Johnson's Defeat Helped A's Out of Cellar

WHEN Walter Johnson dropped a 4-to-3 decision to Morton, of the Indians, at Cleveland yesterday he gave the Mackmen a chance to move out of last place. Walter has been playing in tough luck in virtually every game recently, and his hoodoo seemed to have followed him yesterday. The Indians only got six hits off the big fellow, but they were made when needed. A base on balls and two fluke hits were followed by Roth's double in the fourth inning and produced three runs, while Turner's single and steal and O'Neill's bingle resulted in the run in the seventh that put the game on the losing side of Walter's record-and

WHILE Walter was dropping the engagement to Fohl's men. Babe Ruth, of the Boston Americans, was adding new laurels. He scored his seventh straight ictory of the season when he held Detroit safe by the score of 2 to 1. The s. nning run came in the eighth inning on singles by Gainer and Walker and a rifice by Lewis. Ruth, at this writing, is leading the pitchers in both leagues. has won every contest he has started in this season and is several games he lead of all competitors.

YOUR CLUB CONTAIN ONE OF THESE?



TRADES NINE TOPS LEAGUE BUT LOSES

Northeast Wins Game, 5 to 2. Central High Beats West Phillies

PENN CHARTER WINS

Northeast handed Trades School its first defeat in the Interscholastic Baseball League yesterday afternoon, 5 to 2. Trades is nevertheless leading the inter-scholastic League with four games won and one lost, credited to Northeast High Errors proved costly to the Wood street

youngsters.
In the fifth inning Vreeland made one error, giving Reeves a chance to score. When Miller erred Rodgers crossed the plate. In the seventh liming White was allowed to score on Siegle's balk and in the ninth Reeves got his third walk and after advancing around the bases scored on

Captain Hanratty was the star performer for Trades School. He had two runs and two hits to his credit and with fourteen

The Interscholastic League standing fol-

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Frankford Surprises R. C. H. S. Frankford High surprised the Catholic

High School nine in the league game played at Catholic High's field yesterday afternoon, winning 5 to 4. Price and Barfoot were the star performerse, each making two brilliant catches. Flitter pitched a line game, but he was wild at times, hitting

three men and walking six.
Central High defeated West Philadelphia, the "coachless" team, by a single run, 6 to 5. Timely hitting by Hill. Zilenziger and McLoughlin enabled Central High to score the runs which meant victory. Mear-kle and Zelenziger hit homers, but were only allowed two bases, as the ball went among the autos parked beyond the center field

South Philadelphia, with Thomas in good form, defeated Captain Harry Kidd's Germantown High nine by a score of 7 to 1 Coach Phil Lewis used Green on the mound Penn charter got revenge for the defeat Germantown Academy handed the Quakers early in the season by trouncing Coach Eutton's nine yesterday, 8 to 6. Williams went up in the air in the eighth inning, when the Yellow and Blue scored six runs. Middleton was substituted, but it was too

ate for him to save the game. Friends' Central lost to Episcopal Acad emy yesterday by a one-sided score. Dick Scholes and a nubber of Friends' players were out of the game and the Blue Iray nine was considerably weakened. The Interacademic League standing:

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Clark Tiger Fresh Crew Captain PRINCETON, N. J., May 12.—Cyrus Clark, of Great Neck, L. I., has been elected captain of the freshman crew at Princeton. Clark prepared at St. Paul's School, Concord, where he was a member of the eight.

Massey, of Braves, Has Pneumonia ROSTON, May 12.—William H. Massey, sec-nd baseman of the Roston National League aschall team, was stricken with recumenta esterday and taken to a bospital.

IT'S NOT THE START THAT COUNTS IN REACHING THE PENNANT GOAL-THE STRETCH ALONE FIXES CLASS

By GRANTLAND RICE

(The Stars and Stripes-the Tricolor-the Union Jack.) There they fly to the breeze, All of the self-same hue, Thrown to the waiting winds, The Red, the White and the Blue;

One from the heart of France, One from the English loam, And one from the eagle's resting place Over the fields of Home.

Hovering over the crash,
All of the self-same blend,
On to the last frontier,
On to the story's end;
Roll by roll to the depths,
Staff by staff to the gale,
Wherever the clan goes driving on
Or ship of the realm may sail Or ship of the realm may sail.

THE start is a minor detail in a pennant race. In 1911 the Tigers won eighteen trifle more consistent in outfield range. Speaker is a first-class pitching staff withof their first twenty games- and then fin-

shed ten games back. One season Cleveland was 113 points ahead on June 39, only to finish fourth.

In 1908 the White Sox were in seventh place in July. They were world champs in October. In 1914 the Braves were last in July. They were also world champs in October.

Last season Cleveland and New York were out in front late in July. They finished

The Red Sox were fourth last June. But they were a triffe better than second in September.

Hope is permitted to spring eternal in the baseball breast up to late June or July. But the form months are August and September. The stretch only belongs to class. The Need Sir: All discussion as to whether ball

players or bowlers or cricket players are better bomb throwers is out of place. What we need is to find a set of pitchers or out-fielders who can stand on this side of the

Atlantic and toss cabbages and potatoes into England and France. Ontfielding "Is it true," asks F. R. L. "that Speaker is a better outfielder than Cobb?" As a de-fensive outfielder Speaker is the greatest we

have ever seen, bar no entry in spiked shoes.

Cobb is a fine outfielder, but in a defensive way he isn't up to the Cleveland premier, out any further aid.

In Passing

England thought as we do, once, That the war was far away; Why get worked up to a froth When we live beyond the fray Since no storming foe can land On our shores with hostile tread! But the fields of France are thick

iame of Life didn't consist of good hand, but in playing a poor hand well. But the game of life today consists of holding a good hand and playing it to the

With the graves of English dead.

last bet.

"Why," asks a reader, "should some ball clubs be more brittle than others? In age, condition and physique there is no great difference. Why, for one example, should the New York Yankee: be more easily hurt than the New York Giants or the Boston Red Sox?"

this query, and perhaps there isn't. Life is replete with quaint, odd little angles be-yond the limited human ken. And this is one of them. All we know is that the recourds show that certain clubs are constant ly broken up, while others rarely are. And the records fail to go in for reasons. They stop at the bleak barricade of facts.

PHILLY GOLF BUGS HAVE GREAT ATTRACTION IN STORE IN RED CROSS MATCH AT PHILMONT CLUB

By SANDY MeNIBLICK

best and most dazzing golf shots a week from tomorrow, May 29, when a Red Cross four-ball match between pros of the English isle and American home-breds meet at

Gil Nicholls, winner of five open cham-Gil Nicholis, winder of the Open Cham-pionships in the Squth and twice runner-up for the open championship of the United States, will be the bright and particular luminary in action. The Great Neck wizard is back in his old-time super-brilliance, when his golf was the brand that ran away with matches in crazily low scores. This is proven by the 277 for seventy-two holes he shot at Asheville, when he led stars like Walter Hagen and a host of others by a

PHILADELPHIANS will have all the matter of thirteen strokes—unheard-of dischance in the world to see some of our respect for the golf of such talented linksrespect for the golf of such talented links-men as the opposition on these two days.

The beautiful turfing and greens, with the improvement in the trapping in many of the holes at Philmont, should bring all the old-time pro's best shots to the front, and he will have plenty of opportunity to let loose his sparklets. Gil finds for his partner in the action one Wilfred Reid, the little British pro, who gets more stuff in his shots for his size than any other pro affoat, 'tir said, and he is known as the pro "of perfec golf form." Reld is a former player for England on its international team.

Hoffner to Represent America

America will be represented by Charlie Hoffner, of tender years and remarkable skill. Philadelphians remember how Hoff-ner broke into a tie for the fast Metropolitan open last year and of the remark-able golf he has played in some of the best open fields of the last two or three seasons. Hoffner holds the record of the Philmont course, being the pro there, and he expects to eat up the corners of his own backyard. Tom McNamara, a runner-up for the national open and a holder of the Massachusetts open, also holds a whole flock of other titles. He did most of the cleaning up in the South that Gil Nicholl overlooked during the last season.

The play will be all day long over thirty-six holes for a big purse. There will be something done to benefit the Red Cross at the tournament, the same being the first of other matches along those lines that will be played as the season ambles along on its merry way.

Play starts at 10 o'clock and the public is cordially invited to be present. The course is easily reached via the Reading to Phil-mont. There is good service and efforts will be made to stop the through trains.

Mrs. B .- "Strangely Enough"

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Mrs. Ronald H. Barlow, Merion's doughty team captain, did not surprise any one, nor did she accomplish the unexpected, when she took the Geist Cup, the new Geist Cup, for her own initials as the result of yesterday's eighteen-hole medal play at Overbrook. Mrs. Barlow's 87 over the ninehole course for two rounds was much too low for the rest of the field, though Miss Mildred Caverly, the Philadelphia champion, shot an 89. Both these scores come under the head of lovely, considering the raging wind which blew hats and skirts askew, not to mention the high-flying shots. It was Mrs. Barlow's yearly salute to the new season. She likes to win the initial event and then settles down for her usual brilliant grind through the season.

GEORGE SISLER WRESTS HITTING CROWN FROM TRIS SPEAKER, HIS RATING CLIMBING OVER .400 MARK

J. Smith Leads in National With .524, Cravath Continuing to Head Phillies-Stuffy McInnis Only Mackman in .300 Swatting Society

GEORGE SISLER, the brilliant, versatile athlete found on the payroll of the a Louis Browns, has displaced Tris Speaker as the leading hitsmith in the American League, the first time that the hard-hitting Texan has been deposed since early the few days. Invoff forward the few days. in the 1916 season. Speaker found that the few days' layoff forced upon him by one of Ban Johnson's arbiters did not sharpen his batting eye, for Tris fell from one of Ban Johnson's arbiters und like a specific of the state of the one point and now is credited with .382. Sisler also displaced Speaker as the least ing slugger.

Amos Strunk, last week a member of the select, has fallen and now is the pen Amos Strong, last William McInnis the only Mack entry in the .300 division. Ty Cobb also is finding it difficult to bombard the opposing heavers and continues to skid. his mark now resting at 309, a loss of six points in the last seven days. Jee Jackson is very much out of place with a .253, but this represents a gain of twenty-the points during the last week.

Cravath continues to lead the Phillies with the stick, his .357 representing the best mark manufactured by any of the Phillies' hitters. J. Smith. of St. Louis, has the best average in the circuit with 524 for twelve games; but Roush, of the Red. and Burns, of the Giants, have been hitting the ball hard, running second and third respectively. Benny Kauff has returned to the form that made him celebrated in his Federal League days and is hitting for a mark of .339.

Bert Niehoff is Cravath's only Philly companion in the select, Pat's second ha man having a .306. George Whitted is the Phils' third best hitter with .288. Then follow Bancroft, .271; Killefer, .240; Luderus, .236; Stock, .214, and Paskert, .177,

The averages, including the games played Wednesday, follow: Robertson, N. Y Fabrique, Bklyn Mann, Chi Fletcher, N. Y Schulte, Path Luderus, Phillies H. Myers, Bklyn Maranville, Bos Kopf, Cin Cutshaw, Bklyn Sander St. L. Deal. Chi Thorpe, Cin McCarthy, Pah Wotter, Chi Twombiy, Bes Cueto, Cin Twombly, Bos 10
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favorite

SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS By LOUIS H. JAFFE-

ter Mohr, of Brooklyn, is floundering in the New York puglistic ocean without a manager. Mohr is one of those rugged battlers; he is the Charley Thomas of the Gotham fistic fraternity. But Mohr evi-dently isn't anxious "to commit suicides" thus he finds himself manageriess. Several times the Brooklyn blonde agreed matches with Benny Leonard, but on sec-ond thought he figured it would be a pure and simple case of suicide. Each time he ran out of a scheduled Leonard melec, and because of Mohr's sidestepping—wise foot-work on the part of Walter—his manager became peeved. Finally when Mohr de-cided that 'his wife wouldn't allow him' to cided that "his wife wouldn't allow him" to box Leonard on Thursday night. Eddie Shannon substituting and suffering a hay-maker in the sixth. Mohr's manager threw up the sponge on young Mr. Mohr. Although wise and with a whole skin, Walter found himself in need of some one to book his act. It is very well for a boxer to be nis act. It is very well for a locate to be game and go through with a contest when he is perfectly aware that an artistic trimming awaits him, but it is much better to sidestep the trimming and let some other fellow come in for the decoration. Mohr's judgment saved him a bad lacing and probably a knockout, but it lost him a manager.

Benny Leonard has another match booked in this city. He will meet Joe Welsh May 28 and puil down another \$1250 purse. Leonard stopped Welsh here two years asp.

Evening Ledger Decisions of Ring Bouts Last Night

(AMBRIA—Harry Wills shaded Sam Laurford, Tommy Gorman won from Reds Tlerney, Mike Brennan knocked out Jimmy Hughes, third; Jack Brudy stopped Young Dougherty, third; Eddie Gibbons defeated Andy Rivers. NEW YORK—Battling Lahn drew with Kid Sullivan, Young Russo knocked out Tommy Sullivan, eighth.

Eddie Shannon's seconds for his bout with Benny Leonard in Brooklyn the other night de-serve a lot of praise. Benny dropped Eddie in the sixth round and as Shannon got to his feet, bleary-eved. without taking a count, a wet sponge was sent sizzling into the ring. This was a good move, as another wallop might have proved fatal.

Tommy O'Keefe, of this city, was referred to as a one-round knockout victim of belie Shannon in New York papers previous to Shan non's match with Senny Leonard. O'Keefe news-met Shannon and it really was Tommy Langdon met Shannon and it really was Tommy Langdon