

WORK OF PHILLIES AND CUBS HAS MADE EVERYBODY FORGET HIGHLY TOUTED GIANTS

PHILLIES' VICTORIES OVER CLUBS FROM WEST PROVE THAT MORAN HAS CHANCE TO COP THE PENNANT

Local Team Has Won Fourteen of Last Seventeen Games and Now Is in Second Place, Only a Few Points Behind the New York Giants

IT'S about time for the ladies and gents who frequent the Phillies' stockade on afternoons when matinees are held to sit up and take notice of the ball club Pat Moran is directing this year. It is a regular big-time aggregation, and if it continues to play the same brand of ball the exuberant and enthusiastic critics who handed the pennant to the Giants early in April will be forced to beat a hasty retreat to the exits.

Trimming Chicago three in a row is not an easy task and it proves that the Phils have the class. Brooklyn and Boston were easy for Mitchell's men and it was believed that the home talent would be extremely lucky if the series ended in a fifty-fifty break.

AS A result of this flock of victories, the Phillies today are roosting in second place, less than a game away from the Giants. The New York club has not been playing up to form and just managed to nose out the Pirates, 4 to 3.

Moran Denies Use of the Bean Ball; So Does Alex CHICAGO scribes have taken a fall out of the Phillies, including Alexander the Great, for the liberal use of the "bean ball" in the present series. It is said that the local hurlers—particularly Alex—are "dusting 'em off" first and then rendering them helpless with wide curves which cannot be hit.

Pat Moran was highly indignant when he learned of Mitchell's accusations. "We play hard but clean baseball," he said, "and that story of the 'bean ball' is without foundation. If we can't win on the level, we won't win at all. Mitchell was mistaken, and I believe he will realize it when he gives the matter deep thought."

ROVER ALEXANDER also had a few words to say. "I have not yet reached the stage where I have to 'bean' the batters in order to make my work effective," he declared. "I am very careful when in the pitcher's box, and if you look over my record you will see mighty few hit batsmen. I am surprised to learn that Mitchell made the charge. I don't think he meant it."

TOM SEATON was sent in against the Phils today. Seaton has been going good in the last three games and is said to be in fair shape. His arm troubled him after his victory over Boston last week, but the warm weather of the last few days probably has thawed out the kinks.

Yesterday's game was won by the Phils because they had the punch and used it. In the second inning they caught Phil Douglas off balance and made five hits in a row before Mitchell yanked him out. Prendergast, who succeeded him, also yielded a hit and four runs crossed the plate. Those tallies put the game on ice, and although the Cubs made a desperate effort to tie the score, they could not put it across.

IT WAS a beautiful play and worked perfectly by three players. But the nerviest piece of work was done by Killefer. The catcher grabbed the ball and dived toward Wilson, who was sliding toward him feet first with his spikes sticking into the air.

Tennis and Baseball Suffer More Than Golf GOLF has suffered less than any other popular sport as a result of the war, but it hardly is fair to figure that devotees of the masher and nibbler are less patriotic than followers of baseball or tennis.

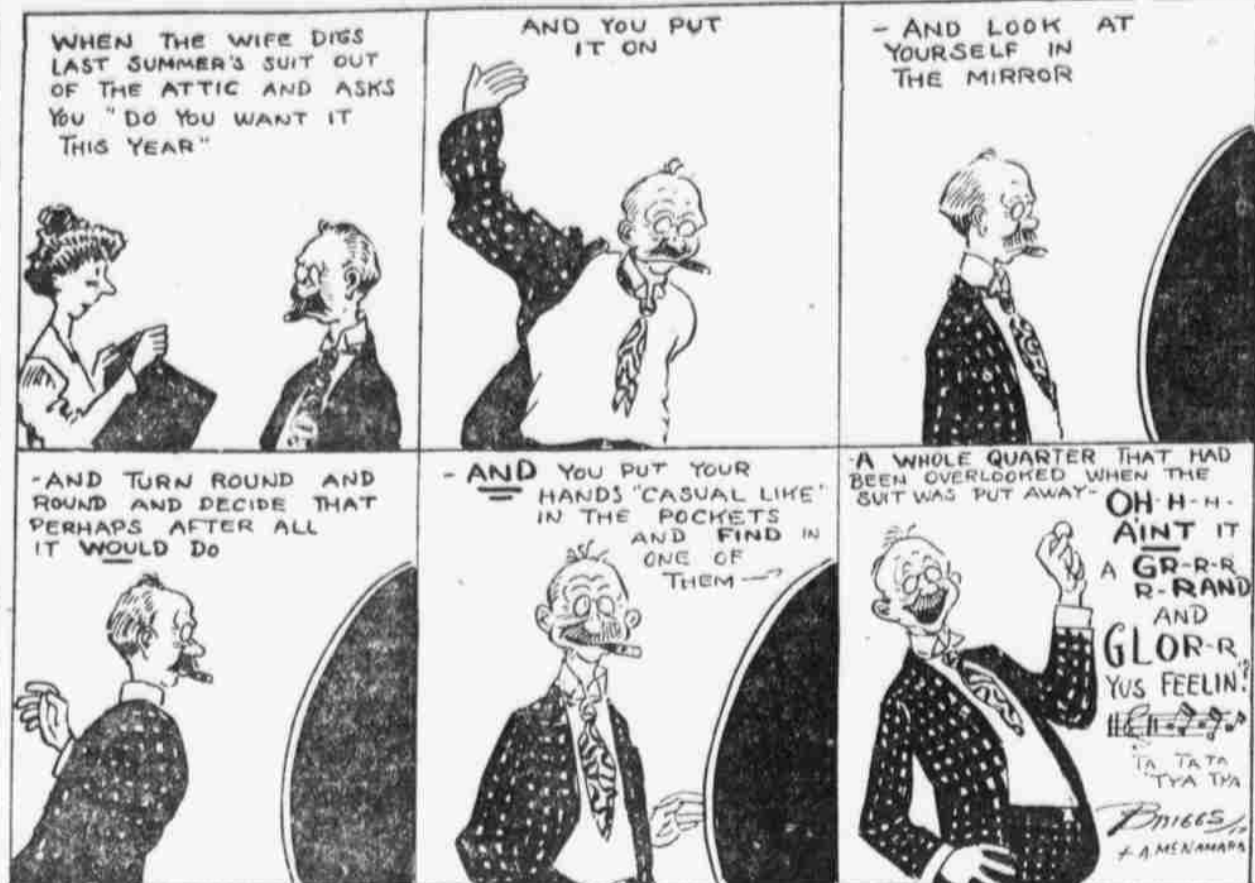
Tennis and baseball, being very much more strenuous sports than golf, necessarily are played chiefly by the youthful and vigorous, and tennis in particular has been hard hit. It has been a matter of most favorable comment that tennis players as a class have flocked to the colors as has perhaps no other class of athletes.

PRESENT indications are that the annual tennis tournaments of sectional and national scope will be abandoned this season, leaving only locals to maintain interest and play during the summer months.

Hendryx Adds Power to Yankees' Attack ONE of the most distressing features of a baseball disability rests in the fact that, even if the injured athlete comes out whole in the end, he is likely to find that some one else has made good in his shoes. The recent lay-off of Frank Githroley of the Yankees, on account of accident, is in point.

The Yankees have had everything but the attack, and Hendryx has proved himself to be a bear in the lead-off role. Although given to weight and not in Githroley's class when on the bases or in getting down to first, the rotund substitute has given that punch to the attack just needed to cure a fundamental team weakness.

AIN'T IT A GRAND AND GLORIOUS FEELIN'?



VILLANOVA NINE IN LINE FOR TITLE

Defeat Catholic High in Baseball Game—Rieber's Home Run Wins for N. E.

DARBY HIGH VICTORS

Any hope of winning the Catholic schools' baseball championship which the Catholic High School players may have cherished was blasted yesterday when the Villanova Preparatory School nine won the game played on the local field 5 to 6.

Villanova is still in the running for the Eastern Catholic Schools' title and the games with St. Joseph's College and La Salle College will have an important bearing on the unofficial award of this honor.

As Catholic High School plays neither St. Joe or La Salle, the victory on the part of Villanova has an important bearing on the final result and virtually eliminates the Main Line team.

Mullin fanned twelve players for Villanova. Oliveira, Rogers, Brennan and McDermott played in tip-top form. Ward's hitting was the best for Catholic High. Tomorrow the Main Line team will meet the Bethlehem Preparatory youngsters in a game on the Villanova diamond.

Darby High Wins Another Darby High School is making an excellent record in baseball this season. In the games with the Lower Merion High nine yesterday afternoon at Lower Merion's field the visitors won by a tally, 11 to 5.

In a second team league game, the Frankford High School nine lost to Northeast High yesterday on the Northeast High field, 4 to 6, when Harry Rieber, of the Red and Black, knocked the ball over the center fielders' head in the eighth inning for a home run.

It had been arranged to call the game at the end of the seventh inning. In the sixth, the score was 3 to 2 in favor of Frankford High. In the last half of the seventh Northeast scored three more runs, making it 5 to 5. Then it was agreed by the two teams to play one more inning. Frankford was first at bat, but did not score. Rieber was the first man up for Northeast and he won the game with his home run.

Await Postponed League Games A number of postponed interscholastic League baseball games are on the schedule for tomorrow afternoon. The Germantown High and Northeast High teams meet at the Northeast field. West Philadelphia and Frankford High may play another league game tomorrow.

St. Joseph's College, following the game with the La Salle School team this afternoon at Stenton Park, will likely play the P. I. D. nine. Brown Prep go to Derrington and the Conway Hall nine plays at the Hill School, Pottstown. Hill lost to Lawrenceville by 2 to 1 on Saturday, but the team is fast. Wilmington High is scheduled to play at Kennett Square. Lebanon Valley is scheduled to play La Salle on the La Salle grounds.

PIRATES SEEK SHORTSTOP

Want Hollocher, of Portland, But Manager McCredie Says Nothing Doing. LOS ANGELES, May 22.—Manager Callahan, of the Pittsburgh Pirates, has wired Walter McCredie, manager of the Portland Coast League club, asking him to set a price on Shortstop Hollocher. McCredie, however, declares Hollocher is too strong a factor to be sold this season.

Pros Call Off Tourney NEW YORK, May 22.—The Professional Golfers' Association has called off the annual championship for the Wanamaker prizes. The association also voted to take money out of their treasury and equip an ambulance to send to France. No tournaments will be given in this district except the one now being arranged for the War Relief Fund. This will be held some time in July.

San Antonio Signs Pitcher Pieh HOUSTON, Tex., May 22.—Cy Pieh, a former New York American pitcher, has been signed by the San Antonio Club of the Texas League.

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RIVALRY FOR FIRST BASE HONORS KEENER IN BIG LEAGUE CIRCLES THAN FOR MANY SEASONS PAST

McInnis's Swell Hitting Again Places Him at Top in American, Contesting Premiership With Sisler—Chase the Class in National

By GRANTLAND RICE

Hold to the course, though the storms are about you; Stick to the road where the banner still flies; Fate and his legions are ready to rout you— Give 'em both barrels—and aim for their eyes.

Life's not a rosebud, a dream or a bubble, A living in clover beneath cloudless skies; And Fate hates a fighter who's looking for trouble, So give 'im both barrels—and shoot for the eyes.

Fame never comes to the loafers and sitters, Life's full of knots in a shifting diaphane; Fate only picks on the cowards and quitters, So give 'im both barrels—and aim for the eyes.

FIRST base rivalry this season is keener than anything baseball has known for many years. With Hal Chase back at his best, with Stuffy McInnis again batting up to ancient form, with Fred Merkle offering a revival, with Sisler on hand and young Holke batting more than 300, the first baseing carnival is extremely z-z-z-z, not to say zippy. Not forgetting Jake Daubert and several others.

If a manager had to select one man from Hal Chase, George Sisler and Stuffy McInnis for just a season's play he would need more than a few seconds' consideration. Chase is the best first baseman in the National League, beyond any argument, with McInnis and Sisler leading in the American.

McInnis is a great first baseman. He can hit, field, and he has the pep. Mack liked him well enough to retain him while bidding farewell to Collins, Barry and Baker.

The citizen who leads the field around this assignment for 1917 will be something of a bird. There is sufficient competition to stir up a healthy debate.

Three-Job Boys "How many three-job men are there in the big leagues?" asks the correspondent. "I mean by that ball players who have held down as many as three different positions on a club."

Here is a partial list, at least: Schang, St. Louis—First, outfield, pitcher. Herzog, New York—Third, shortstop, second. Miller, St. Louis—First, second, shortstop. Hornsby, St. Louis—Third, short, first. Schang, Philadelphia—Catcher, third, outfield.

Judy Barry is equally keen and well broken at short and second; Fred Merkle is a star at first and in the outfield; Buck Weaver operates at either short or third. But the list of those who have defied three positions is limited, not to say brief.

The Repeater The pennant repeaters have apparently passed out of the National League. There was a day when a pennant winner was always good for another year at the top—and generally two.

The Pirates won in 1901-1902-1903. The Giants won in 1904 and 1905. The Cubs won in 1906, 1907 and 1908. The Giants won again in 1911, 1912 and 1913. Then the repeating process came to an end. The Braves won in 1914 and immediately ceased firing.

The Phillies won in 1915 and promptly deserted. The Dodgers won in 1916, and no one is accusing them of any 1917 designs upon the top. One year at the front seems to be the limit. The driving force of the old Pirates, Giants and Cubs seems to be missing—which is an indication that in the last few years no great or even high-grade champion has been developed in the old circuit.

"The South has produced great outfielders, but no first-class pitchers," proclaims an exchange.

Just what would you call Nap Rucker, of Georgia; Jim Vaughn, of Texas; Fred Toomey, of Tennessee; Paul Ferritt, of Louisiana; Fedy Schupp, of Kentucky; Ernie Shore, of Carolina; Babe Ruth, of Maryland, and Sherrod Smith, of Georgia?

The West is now the leading center for pitchers, with a list headed by Alexander, of Nebraska; Johnson, of Idaho, and Leonard, of California. The East, with Collins, Herzog, Baker, Scott, Maranville, Melvin, has a faint edge in infielders. But one section is an likely to produce a highly esteemed athlete another. Provided said athlete gets a start in a small town, something under 3000.

Amateur Ball Games A first baseman and a pitcher would like to play ball with any eighteen-nineteen-year-old team playing for sport. Address, Halplayer, 2417 North Fairhill street.

The Junior Sporting Club would like to hear from all thirteen-fourteen-year-old teams having team playing for sport. Address, ten men, S. Kaufman, 491 North Fourth street.

Emer Boys' Club, a fully uniformed team, has open dates for any seventeen-eighteen-year-old team playing for sport. Address, League secretary, N. Hittner, 829 West Arifino street.

North Side Professionals have May 26 open, also May 30 a p. and P. M. J. Hoover, phone Kensington 6409 W.

Two fast ball players, an infielder and an outfielder would like to sign up with some eighteen-year-old team. T. Lewis, 1952 North Reem street.

Outfielder Murphy Badly Hurt ATLANTA, Ill., May 22.—John Murphy, an outfielder, under orders to report to the Provincial Club of the International League yesterday was suffering from a broken collar bone, sustained in a non-professional game when he ran into a staple. Physicians expressed doubt of his chances to play again this season.

WEIRD SCORES ARE MADE BY ALL WHEN FEMININE GOLFERS QUALIFY ON MERION'S HARD EAST COURSE

Well-Trapped Course Proves Severe Test for Women—Woodbury Unable to Enter in Big League—Open for Whitemarsh

By SANDY McNICLICK

MANY came, many saw, but few won. Merion's hard east course at Philadelphia yesterday. Seventy feminine golfers drove off the first tee with the hope of making a favorable showing over the course that proved a howl wrecker to all of the crack players of the nation with the exception of Mr. Evans last September. For eighteen holes the feminine contenders were playing in the qualifying round of the Philadelphia championship plugged amid the cratellike traps and running brooks and successfully piled up scores of pencil-wearing size. The medal was captured by a score of 95 and the players who recorded 107 or better landed her card on three holes on the quiet hole which would indicate that Merion is a rather difficult course for the average woman.

Miss Mildred Caverly surprised the field by leading in the best score of the day on Mrs. Ronald H. Barlow's home course with Mrs. Ronald H. Barlow playing in the event. The Philadelphia champion was the only player among the starters able to break the fifties for out and in totals. Sevens blotted her card on three holes on the quiet hole of sixes helped swell the medal winning round. At that she had strokes to spare, as the two former Quaker City champions, Mrs. Barlow and Mrs. Caleb F. Fox, shared second place with cards that were three strokes in the wake of Miss Caverly's.

Weather Not at Fault The weather could not be held responsible for the altitude of the scores, as the day was a perfect one for golf. When a field of the best golfers in the district turn out for the championship it is a safe proposition that they are all laboring under the influence of an off day, consequently, the only other object to blame is the course and it was blamed with zest by the majority of the contestants. The fifth and twelfth holes played many a promising contender into the "did not qualify" list. Mrs. G. Henry Stetson, the first mate of the Huntingdon Valley team, plugged away at the fifth until she collected a modest 11. Mrs. Fox accumulated 9 on the quiet hole of the out journey and registered an 8 on the twelfth. Only one player out of the big field managed to negotiate the fifth in five. Miss Edith Campbell, one of the semi-finalists of the event last year, managed to drop her putt for the five and, chiefly for this reason, she had the best score of the day for the first nine holes.

High-Low Score Of all the contrasting scores of the day, the card of Miss E. C. Kershaw, undefeated captain of the Riverdale machine, stands out like a bandaged thumb. The Jersey golfer had only one rival for the high score of the first nine holes in the championship division. One eight, three sevens and five sixes made up the record of her card for the out journey. At the turn Miss Kershaw firmly decided to do better, to forget it all and start anew, so she breezed home in 44, the best score of the day for the second nine.

One bad hole makes a lot of difference in a medal round. Had Mrs. Stetson restrained herself on the twelfth she would have given the medalist a tight race. She managed to cut down the effects of the 11 sufficiently to hold down fourth place and had it been a match play instead of medal she would have been one down to Miss Caverly and two up against Mrs. Barlow.

Woodbury Out of Interclub Woodbury will not be in the running for a place in the Interclub team championship owing to the fact that the players will be unable to devote time to the qualifying round that is staged tomorrow. With Woodbury out of it the event is robbed to a certain extent of the close features that it might otherwise have had. The little Jersey club boasts of players that could give several of the larger club teams a close race for place. They waded through the Suburban League last year and should have little trouble in retaining the championship.

Charles Monroe Terreau, pitcher, New York Giants, accomplished three very important events yesterday. "Big Jeff," which is the short for Charles Monroe, held the Pirates to three runs while the Giants were making four, kept the Phils out of first place, and in addition pitched curves extraordinary to one William C. Fischer, catcher, Pittsburgh, with the result that William C. did not get a safe hit in three visits to the plate.

All of which leads the cash customers of the national pastime to the information that Fischer is no longer the leading batsmith in the National League. He was yesterday, but today the honors are in favor of Eddie Roush, of the Reds, who had one hit off Tyler.

The standing of the big "three" in the American is the same as yesterday. The league leaders and their averages are listed below:

Table with columns for Player Name, Team, G, A, R, H, Av. Includes entries for Roush, Cincinnati; Fischer, Pittsburgh; Burns, New York.

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