RAIN SHOULDN'T PEEVE THE FANS-LATER TWO FOR ONE WILL MORE THAN EVEN THE SCORE

CONNIE'S MAULERS HOME AGAIN, AFTER WINNING SIX OUT OF FIFTEEN GAMES ON TRIP THROUGH THE WEST

Youngsters Make Good Showing, Despite the Poor Work of Pitchers-Phils Depart for New York to Battle Giants for First Place

FTER an absence of almost three weeks, the Athletics return to our midst today, and if the weather man will lay off the wet stuff a double-header will e played with the Yankees at Shibe Park. Connie's gang of hustlers emerged m the western invasion none the worse for wear and surprised the wise ones by daying first-class baseball. The club is in last place, but it is doubtful if it will main there long. The margin between the other teams in the second division is a slender that a couple of victories in a row will change the entire complexion of war map. The A's are fighting harder than ever and will continue their surappy game in the long stay at the home grounds,

The Phils have been doing such excellent work that the Mackmen almost have been lost sight of. However, a glance over the scores away from home shows that the club has not done so poorly as the fans imagine. The old cry of "The A's cat another" was heard, but there were a few victories sandwiched between them. In all fifteen games were played and nine were lost. It almost was an even break which is going some in a league like the American. St. Louis won three out of four, but they were close and Fielder Jones's men had to extend themselves to out ahead. The White Sox also took three out of four, and they, too, were forced to play hard for every game. In Cleveland it was an even break, two and we, and Connie's crew took two out of three from Detroit. The last game, played Saturday, probably will be protested, as the rules were violated and there is a chance of having the game thrown out. Winning six games from the strongest clubs is pretty good for the youngsters, and they will do better than that on the

CONNIE'S pitchers have not been performing up to form, and until they do it will require hard work to win. The opponents usually get a big lead early in the game and this must be overcome. In Detroit it took eleven innings to win on Friday and Saturday Detroit had a seven-rup lead at the end of the second inning. The Athletics made this up and had one to the good, when Silk O'Loughlin pulled one of his famous "bones and allowed Jennings to break the rules and win the game, 11 to 8. The fans are with the battling Macks this year, and no doubt will turn out to give the youngsters a rousing welcome this afternoon.

Phils Leave for First Invasion of the West

DAT MORAN and his Phils left town this morning for New York, where they will play an important series before leaving for the first swing of the western circuit. Five games will be played in Gotham-weather permitting-two today, one tomorrow and a double-header on Wednesday. If the Phillies can get better than an even break their pennant chances will receive a big boost, as the Giants clways have been a source of worry to the home folks. McGraw has been lesing a few games recently, the club is out of first place and an effort will be made to make up some lost ground. The battles are sure to be hard fought and exciting, and the series looks to be the most important of any scheduled for the week.

The Giants are not accustomed to losing ball games. In fact, they seem surprised if another club has the nerve to even imagine that it can win. The highpriced cast which established a record of twenty-six straight victories last year expects to do even better than that this year as soon as the time comes to start. Thus far St. Louis, Chicago and even Pittsburgh have made the New Yorkers bite the dust, and the other clubs are wondering if McGraw's men are as invincible as they were led to believe. Psychology plays an important part in baseball, and there is no doubt that the Giants' formidable line-up frightened the opponents at the beginning of the season. On paper, the team appears to be unbeatable, and this was generally conceded until a few games were lost. The opposing pitchers lost their nerve when they faced Burns, Kauff, Herzog, Robertson, Zimmerman and the others and were beaten before they started. In the opening game here on April 25 the Phils, with Alex in the box, had a three-run lead up to the eighth inning, when the Giants went in, scored four times and won, 9 to 8. This was another boost for McGraw, for it showed that his team was so good that it could step in at any old time and break up the game, regardless of the score

BUT things have changed and the National League race will not be such a walkover for the men from Gotham. The heavy hitters do not get their safe wallops every day, the pitchers are not high class and the team can be beaten. This restores confidence to the other clubs, and from now on it will be a fight to the finish.

Donovan's Players Are Now "Fighting" for Every Game

N UNDOUBTED element in the success of the Yankees this season is the A "fighting" spirit shown by them. Donovan's men are putting a lot of pep into their work and reports from the West show how well the new scheme is working. In all cities the games have been featured by near-riots, in which the Yankees are reported aggressors. Eddie Cicotte, of Chicago, was the object of a general attack almost every time he threw a ball. The peculiar antics of his delivery, It was urged, were due to the use of the emery ball. The umpires could not verify the protest and the conclusion was reached that Cicotte was getting the old emery effect by spitting in his glove and mixing in dust. The extra weight on one side of the ball was believed to be an explanation of the freak break resulting. The was also featured by a mix-up between Nick Cullop and

The opening round at St. Louis was between Ray Fisher and George Sisler and the next between Armando Marsans and Leslie Nunamaker. According to ringside accounts, it took some skillful officiating on the part of Ump Bill Evans to keep the latter set of scrappers from making a finish affair." Both had to be

War and Weather Playing Havoc With Small Leagues

Baseball has been hard hit this season as a result of the war and the weather.

With the national mind focused on the grim fish of making ready to fight and the weather conditions being without precedent for their general cussedness the old national pastime is well-nigh flat on its back. Unless conscription of ball players goes into effect, the big leagues will doubtless be able to wag along, but without the usual dividends. But the small leagues are bound to face a life-anddeath struggle in any event. Several of them, in fact, already have shown signs of collapse, and one, the Virginia League, has thrown up the sponge. The schedule was formally called off and all teams disbanded as the result of the league directors' meeting held at Norfolk.

Another minor league already embarrassed is the Southern. The Mobile owners have turned the franchise over to the league officials, and other teams are tottering. The American Association has been in pain ever since the season started, several meetings having been held in the effort to apply the oxygen in the fight to keep kicking. This league is now considering the adoption of a maximum selary limit of \$250 to take effect June I, reduction of the player limit to fifteen. revision of the schedule and the calling off of the post-season series with the winning team in the International. As an indication of just how cheerful the feeling is in American Association circles, President Cantillon, of the Minneapolis club, is out with a prophecy that no small league will be able to weather the gale later than July 4. Viewing the situation generally, it would seem that should conscription of ball players become effective, the average minor league would blow up over night and ball parks would be closed in every section of the country.

Major League Magnates Not to Retrench

THE player limits in the big leagues will not be reduced. This was decided at a apacial conference of the National Commission in Chicago yesterday. The National League has the twenty-two player limit now in effect, and in Ban Johnson's circuit it is twenty-five. For a time it was reported that Garry Herrmann and other moguls in the National League were bent upon cutting their rosters to e whteen players to a club, but now it seems certain there will be no change for the remainder of the season unless conditions force immediate action in order to stave of the closing of the parks.

Ban Johnson is in favor of keeping as many players in the game as possible and even feels that the twenty-five player limit works enough hardship. Johnson is a great believer in the development of young talent, and the only way in which ti is can be done effectively is to give the managers a free hand and permit them to o rry excess material. Just now many of the National League clubs are under ti s twenty-two player limit, the Phillies being down to twenty and despite this are leading the league. The condition of Moran's pitching staff, the timely hitting of his team and an absence of injuries have been instrumental in the success of has proteges. But the moment cripples begin to arrive and double-headers accumulate then it is that pilots will have many unhappy moments.

Jack McInnis Back in the "Leading Three" Trio

FOLLOWERS of the A's will be pleased to learn that Jack ("Stuffy") McInnis has regained his place as one of the three leading batters of the American Yes, sir, our Stuffy is doing well with the bat-a triple and a single in the final at Detroit, and he is here with us today for a home stay and further progress. Jack is third man, eleven points behind the leader. As a result of the smes Saturday and yesterday the three stars in the Johnson line-up are Warnbscleveland, first with, .336; Tris Speaker, also of Cleveland, second with 331, and Mack's star first baseman, with an average of .325. Jack did not get to action yesterday, but "Wam" and Tris helped the Indians take the third e from the Yankees. Speaker getting a single and a home run and the league

THERE is no change in the National circuit since Roush took the lead ofter Friday's games. Eddle is averaging a card of ,560, George Burns ning second with a 357 and "Home Run" Bill Fischer, of the Pirates, the "tough" corner with a 354 mark.

PERKIOMEN GAMES WERE BIG SUCCESS

Schoolboys Did Not Mind Late Trains and Slow Track and Will Go Again

ANNOUNCE TRACK DATES

From the standpoint of attendance and umber of athletes entered, the Perklomen number of athletes entered, the Perklomen interscholastics were a great success at Pennsburg on Saturday, and Hisler's victory in the mile, Captain Mellinger's win in the broad jump, "Heine" letamer's winning the javelin throw and innumerable conquests on the part of Philadelphia's high school and preparatory school athletes de-

Perkiemen's annual meet is held under Perkumen's annual meet is bom ander tis annual handloap, but under the circum-tances the officials work wonders. They have no Franklin Pield at Pennsburg, wither have they Philadelphia-Atlantic City train service. It is a hard place to such, but students will go a long way for a good thing and that is what takes them

D Perklomen every year.
Every one knows that Captain "Link"
Mellinger can elect 22 feet in the broad
ump. He did it in the Middle States meet.

No distance was recorded in the reported unmaries an explanatory line stating "no listance shown," but the officials knew Wellinger cleared 20 feet 612 inches just he same. The take-off was not what it

should be for a big meet, and this accounts for the difference.

The fact that the "special" train leaving here did not arrive at Poinstong until I octock, after many "necessary" stops en route, and the fact that the return trap took two hours, with the same number of "hesitations," as one official expressed it, did not upset the peace of mind of any of the contestants. They liked the meet, and they will be at Pennsburg again next year.

Dates for Two Title Meets

Here are the dates for two title meets, and school track and field stars, prospective spectators and others will note them: June 1—Interacademic track and field champlenships, at Pranklin Field.

June 4-City high school track and field champlon-hips, at Houston Field.

There has been considerable doubt in the minds of some of the scholastic fans as to the time of holding the city track and field. Some were under the impreunnual Utular event would be held sume lime this week. Dr. Mathew C. O'Brien, Central High's

truck coach, who handles the entries and usually always arranges the program for the meet, said last night: "When the question came up there was only one day to hold it near the end of the

resent month and that was Menday, June. The interacodemics are on Friday, and calle we could hold it the same day, I do of think it advisable to bold two big title neets the same afternoon. I think the other track conches are of the same opin-

"Penn Charter or Episcopal?"

indicate that this is Penn Charter's year in track and field sports, then the Yellow and Blue should triumph. Episcopal, however, has one of the best-balanced track teams n its history, and having won the inter-

CHICAGO GOLFERS TO AID RED X BY CONTRIBUTION

twenty-eight golf clubs affiliated with the Chicago District Golf Association were asked for a voluntary contribution of ten cents to the American Red Cross for each

cenis to the American Red Cross for each eighteen holes played during the season. Under the plans announced by the board of directors of the association, each player will have the ten cents charged against him on his house account, and all sums collected will be remitted by the club treas-urers monthly to the Red Cross. The total receipts from the plan are expected to exceed \$1000 weekly.

AMATEUR BALL NOTES

A. M. B. Boys' Club would like to hear from any fourteen-sixteen-year-old team having grounds. A. Freedman, care of Starr Garden, Sixtis and Lumbard streets.

Orianna Amilers have Memorial Day, morning and alternoon, open for any fourteen-lifteen-cear-old team. C. Henneld, 525 North Orianna street,

Shottower B. C. has June 2 and 16 open. J. Barch, 511 Arch street.

Vinsland Travelers desire to arrange games at home or away. The management has Me-morial Day, two sames and all of June open. Peter McGuire, Vineland, N. J.

Allegheny B. C., a fast first-class home team, desires the services of a good pitcher, willing to buy his uniform and play for sport. H. Mohr, 3105 Emerald street.

John & James Dobson's Bradford Mills base-half from desires to arrange games for Sunday J. Alken, Bradford Mills, Germantown,

Pearce A. A. has Memorial Day, morning and afternoon, open. E. Stevenson, Kensington 6634.

Norris Field Club, a semiprofessional traveling tour, has May 30 morning and afternoon, open, also June 2 for such teams as Pottsown, Telford, Quakertown and Ambier, Phose Kensington 2582. Frank Schaller, 504 Norris street.

Columbia, which has not been defeated this year, has June 2 open. All first-lises home teams having srounds are preferred. J. Reynolds, 1600 North Sydenham street.

Jessamine Boys' Club would like to meet any fourteen-fiven-year-old team on Memorial Day or on Saturdays during June, July and August. J. Mclague, 1534 Christian street, or phone Dickinson 5330.

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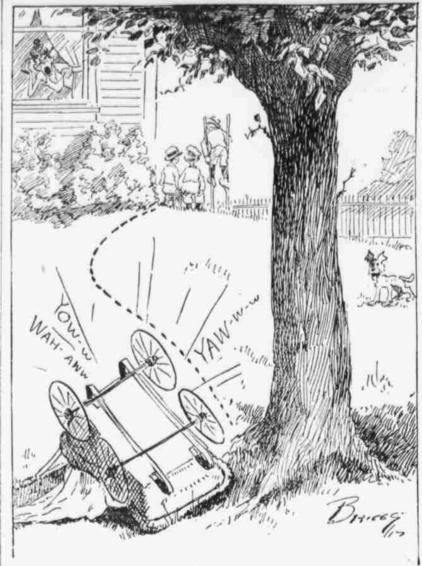
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WHEN A FELLER NEEDS A FRIEND



AMATEUR-PRO MATCH WOULD HELP GOLF FUND AND PROVE BIG TEST FOR LOCAL TUTORS AND PLAYERS

tournament in Philadelphia as one of the attractions on the list of golf entertain-ments for the season? Down at that Mecca of winter golf. Pinehurst, the annual amacur-professional competition that is sand-wiched between the open and the amateur North and South championships is one of North and South championships is one of the most popular events on the pre-season calendar. The stellar pros of the country and the best of the unpaid golfers form combinations, play four-hall matches, and there is always the keenest of golf. Up in the Metropolitan district they have a num-ber of such events dotting the programs, and there is a lay turnout of the two great and there is a big turnout of the two great classes of golfers to take advantage of the opportunity to work together as partners. Just now we have a golf fund for the war sufferers, and this fund will be increased. ds the entrance fees for the various tournaments held by the Golf Association of Phila-delphia are appropriated to it.

Should some progressive leader organize a four-ball amateur and professional tour-nament, patterned on the lines of the popu-lar North and South event, and have it held on one of our local courses, there would undoubtedly be an immediate rush on the part of the tutors and the cracks to arrange for starting times. An entrance fee would be charged and the worthy golf fund would

he thereby greatly increased.

An element of interclub rivalry would be in evidence if the pros were to take on one of the hest golfers of his club as a partner. One good suggestion, made by a prominent local golfer, is to have both a net and a gross winner, and the best ball of the part-

WHY not hold an amateur-professional paers would, naturally, he the thing that hers would, naturally, be the thing that counted. Such a tournament is worth a trial. The local golfers have not had such an opportunity in this district, and with a worthy cause as an additional drawing card, it is a safe proposition that nearly every club in the district would be represented.

UMPIRE ROSTER REDUCED IN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 28 .- President r. J. Hickey, of the American Association, has announced that the umpire staff of that organization would in the interest of economy be reduced to five. The odd man will be carried for emergency purposes. Hickey also announced that he had released Umpire Francis Connolly.

BASEBALL NINE DISBANDS BY SERVICE ENLISTMENTS

MONTCLAIR, N. J., May 28 .- The base ball schedule of the Montclair Athletic Club has been canceled and the team disbanded. Defections in the ranks caused by enlistments in various branches of the Government service are responsible. Coach Eddie Grant, a former Giant, is with the officers' reserve corps at Plattsburg.

BILL DONOVAN IS ONE BIG-RING PILOT FOR WHOM DOUBLE-HEADER SEASON WILL HAVE NO TERRORS

Could Double From Now to October With Ten Twirlers on Tap-Emery Ball Suspicions Revived of Late

By GRANTLAND RICE

olo Grounds.

tricks as these.

The emery ball is barred in the major

leagues. Any one using it will be subjected to severe discipline. Alert as all players are, no trace of the evil has been disclosed.

are, no trace of the evil has been disclosed. It does seem in these days of slow games that the players are allowed too great lesway in looking for the emery ball. They often try to alibi themselves with just such

Braves Buy Pitcher From Atlanta Club

BOSTON, May 28.—The purchase of Scott Perry, pitcher for the Atlanta club of the South-ern League, has been announced by the Boston National League club.

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THERE was a time when club owners found it easy to let the sun shine in their hearts when it was cloudy—even maked before a Saturday crowd at the Pole Grounds. their hearts when it was cloudy-even rainy-without. That was before bad

weather was the rule, not the exception. The weather topic is resurrected because of the bearing the present may have on the pennant chances of major league representstives. For summer must come sooner or later, and with it a whole flock of doubleheaders. Against the harvest of bargain days the greatest attribute to success will be wealth, both in quality and quantity, of pitching numbers.

The one major league manager who above all others can relish the season of double-headers is Bill Donovan. The Yankees could double every day from now to Ocwithout overworking their pitchers. Wild Bill has no less than ten pitchers, each capable of going the route. So far they have been in each other's way. None of them has had enough work. The unof them has had enough work. The un-heaten Shocker was two weeks between win-ning games simply because his fellow pitch-ers commanded equal attention. Donovan's staff to date has proved itself the most efficient of the game. It should be better, if that is possible, through the shower of double-headers.

Rattling the Skeleton

Cy Falkenberg, the veteran pitcher, who jumped Cleveland in his haloyon days to cast his lot with the Federal League, is attempting a comeback with the Athletics. Falkenberg has just about reached the end of his career, because of the age handleap. nterfere with business.

Every time he pitches the life of Falkenperg is made miserable by batters demand-ing that the umpires examine the ball fre-quently. For the tip preceded Falkenberg ant that the one-time terror of Cleveland had effected his comeback with the Ameri-can Association by making use of the illegal "emery" ball. The return of Falsenberg seems to have stirred up all man-ner of suspicions against a number of the eading masters of the box.

In the National League, too, the tip is out that several clubs carry pitchers who use the emery ball. At the Polo Grounds a few days ago Umpire Bill Klem repeatedly called for the ball which Miller, of the Pirates, was pitching. Giant batters, help-less before Miller's fast ball, were con-vinced the pitcher had some material edge over them.

Russell Ford, Inventor Russell Ford originated the emery ball,

which has since been legislated from the game. The delivery was so called because emery paper was used to roughen part of the surface. The rough part, of course, heightened the effect of air friction, so that with practice a clever pitcher could make the ball break in all sorts of freakish ways. Ford, for instance, supposedly a spitball pitcher, never used a spitter. It was the emery ball instead, which at will be could

break in either direction.

When Ford jumped to the Buffalo club, of the Federal League, and Sweeney was induced to stay in New York at \$2000, Big Ed



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