# GIANTS ON HAND WITH UNCOMMUNICATIVE MANAGER FOR SERIES OF FIVE BALL GAMES

**OPEN SEASON FOR UMPIRES SHOWS** ALREADY SOME DECIDEDLY CLASSY MARKSMANSHIP ON VARIOUS FIELDS

## Lord Byron, Arbitrating Thrush, Principal Target at Present Writing-Giants Arrive With Uninterviewed Manager for Five Games

THIS is the open season for umpires. Feats of marksmanship have been per-formed on Byron's chin, frantic fans have demonstrated that they possess burn throwing arms when they have showered him with pop bottles in St. Louis, and the latest was a reception committee that waited for the hard-luck ump outside of the St. Louis ball yard, not to escort him to his hotel, but to carry him-feet first. Byron left through a side door and the committee missed having an enjoyable afternoon

But Byron is not the only arbiter who is geting his share of "panning. Kitty Bransfield, a neophyte in the National League, has been grilled time and again, and the latest comes from the much-abused Giants. They claim that a terrible decision cost them the game with Boston on Wednesday and that other bad guesses got the club in bad in the past. All slong the line the poor umps are getting their bumps, and from where we are sitting it looks like a swell alibi to account for defeats. No one is perfect, and an umpire is liable to make mistakes the same as any other persop. Pat Moran is broad-minded enough to see this and no longer does he "ride" the arbiter as of old. He accepts the rulings gracefully and only occasionally has something to say.

If a ball player makes an error he is not roasted very much, because the fans realize that he is out there trying to play his best. If he has a dozen chances and slips up on one, he will be praised for playing a swell game. But suppose the umpire makes a bad guess. What will happen? He will be panned all afternoon, regardless of the fact that he has nearly 200 chances in each game. Taking it all in all, the mon behind the plate and on the base lines make few mistakes and have a pretty good average, year in and year out. . .

Some one has started the slogan, "Our umpires-may they be right sometimes; but right or wrong, they still are our umpires." That's a very pretty line, but it is an injustice to the officials of the game. They never get a square deal and are looked upon as a necessary evil. Why not give them a fifty-fifty break?

#### Older Umpires Seldom Break Into Print-Almost Are Forgotten

DO YOU ever see Bob Emsile's name in the paper these days? Or Bill Klem's, or Harrieon's, or Hank O'Day's? They are not even noticed, either by the writers or the fans, simply because they are doing good work. Their good qualities always are overlooked and a perfect record can be ruined in one afternoon

The umpiring is not so had this year, despite statements to the contrary. Byron and Bransfield seem to be the principal offenders, and they either will hit their stride in a short time or take a nice long rest at the special request of President Tener. Two inefficient arbiters will put any umpiring staff on the blink, so why allow them to do so? There are any number of umpires running around loose and a couple could be selected from the flock.

Charley Rigler, who umpired the Brooklyn series here, seldom has trouble on the playing field. He is master of the situation at all times and the players realize that he is giving them a square deal. He had an argument with the Phils last year over the rules, but outside of that he has had no difficulty. But it was not like that in the olden days. The year after he broke in-in 1907-he established a league record by chasing 136 players off the field in a single season. It took the athletes one whole year to discover that he could not be trifled with. .

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m IGLER}$  put several of the players out twice in that memorable season. First he knocked them out and then put them out, just to make sure. His last double sting was in St. Louis in 1915, when Charley Herzog questioned a decision and tried to back it up. Charley was carried to the bench, where he recovered with the aid of restoratives.

Muggsyless Giants Are With Us Today for Five-Game Series THE battling Giants, with their uninterviewed manager, rolled into town this morning after a hard battle with the Braves in Boston. They will be with us until Wednesday night and five combats will be put on, weather permitting. A double-header on Tuesday will be the feature, as Mr. McGraw will emerge from exile on that day and take his place with the other athletes in good standing. There should be quite a celebration.

'This series is by far the most important of the year in the senior league. The winner will go into first place and have easy sailing for a short time at least. Today the Giants are one and a half games ahead of the Phils, and Jimmy Lavender, the noted Giant killer, will be used to cut down the margin. The Phils have had hard luck with the New Yorkers thus far. The Medicowmen have won five out of the seven games played, showing their disrespect in Alexander every time the great twirler faced them.

The only reason the home talent didn't lose more battles was because rain postponed five of them. Here are the scores to date:

April 25-New York 9, Phillies 8, April 27-Phillies 5, New York 1. April 28-Phillies 2, New York 1. May 7-New York 2, Phillies 1.



# PHILS SHOVE GIANTS BACKWARD AND AGAIN TOP OLDER LEAGUE TEAMS IN SWATTING EFFICIENCY

Ahead in Home Runs and Total Bases, Cravath Leading Slugger-Whitted and McInnis Only .300 Clouters-Alex Big Card in Box

THE Phils have again pushed back the Giants in league batting, according L official figures including Wednesday's games, and once more lead the swatan in the older circuit by a very satisfactory margin of nine points. The figures Phils, .266; Giants, .257. The teams were tied last week. In distance driving Moran's faithful cohorts are league pace setters. They have made eighteen h runs and 178 extra bases, for a grand total of 621. This is some fence-busting,

But one .300 hitter is to be found at present in each local big-ring aggregation George Whitted, the classy Carolinian, represents Pat Moran in select clouting clety, while Stuffy McInnis is Connie Mack's polite offering. George's hands figure is .306, while Stuffy's is an even more comely one of .315.

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Since hitting the road on June 1 the only important loss suffered by the club was the canning of Jawn McGraw. That didn't affect the playing, however, as seventeen games were won and only seven lost. The series in Cincinnati put them back in the race, as only one game was won; but they soon made up for it and regained the lead. Lew McCarthy's leg was broken, but his absence has not been feit as yet. The infield is working well, the outfielders are hitting the ball and the pitchers are doing as well as may be expected.

THE Phils, too, look much better with Bancroft back in the game. Davy L is a wonderful player and cuts off many apparently safe hits with his sensational fielding. His work at the plate also helps. Yesterday the team looked 50 per cent better than the day before, and no doubt will give the high-priced Giants a troublesome time.

#### Stymie Iconoclast Is "a Plain Shoemaker"

SCOTCH conservatism is asserting itself by way of protest against the newfangled golfing ideas advanced in the western portion of the country, that are rapidly upsetting some of the fundamental and settled traditions of the game. Jack Clark, a well-known Scotch pro, is indignant at the idea of abolishing the stymie. Jack was in the game before some of the modern reformers were born. and he says that any duffer who would play the nearest ball first is just a "plain shoemaker" at the game.

"What are these follows trying to do with the same, anyway"" inquires Jack who proceeds to unburden his feelings in the matter in hand as follows:

'Are they afraid to play Scotch golf? It certainly looks that way. In the first place, nobody but the worst kind of a duffer would play the nearest ball to the hole first. He is just a plain shoemaker at the game if he does.

"Second, it's only those who play golf as an exercise instead of an accomplishment, and who are too lazy and sluggish of mind to use their wits for a moment long enough to play the game worth while, including stymies,

"Third, if they are to attempt to do away with stymies they are only making a ruling that will handicap the good player and bring him down to the level of the ordinary duffer.

"Fourth, the reason golf is so infatuating is because it is the most difficult of all outdoor sports and one has so many things to remember. But take away the difficulties and you take the magnetism. The next thing you will hear of their trying to do away with is the bunker. I say right here, the man who cannot play stymies with at least fair success is like the golfer who cannot play certain clubs in his bag. He fears them, therefore never uses them, and that man will never be a finished golfer until he plays Scotch golf."

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WHEN it comes to messing up with the game itself, the whole Kaiserian diplomaty and threatened revolution will never put any such ruling into a Scotchman's head, concludes the sagacious Mr. Clark

#### Lajoie Again May Appear in Big Leagues

WHEN Connie Mack and Larry Lajole parted company at the close of the 1916 season it was said then that the one-time brilliant keystone sack guardian was through with the major leagues as a player. Last winter Larry was appointed manager of the Toronto club of the International League, and during his brief attempt at minor league managing has succeeded in keeping his boys in the first division. He has been playing regularly, his fielding has been brilliant and his hitting hard. and timely.

Now the major league scouts sojourn among the bushes for the purpose of picking up prospective talent. The fine work of the youngstar Lajoie so impressed one of the ivory seekers that he recommended him to Clark Griffith, manager of the Washington team. It is now-understood that the boss of the Senators is making every effort to persuade the owners of the Toronto club to part company with the big Frenchman.

The Senators are in a bad way for infielders and just now are playing Outfielder Fhanks at shortstop. The veteran McBride is out with injuries, and when Griffith purchased Sammy Crane, one-time Mackman, he thought he had the boy to fill McBride's shoes. But Crane failed to make good, and a few days ago was shipped to the American Association. . . .

GRIFFITH believes that if he can land Lajoie he will be able to shift Mergan from second to short and let the veteran Frenchman take care of things around second base.

He could see no reason in pitching his shoulder off when ho had a fat margin to work on. With Matty it was a case of win by as easy a route as possible, and save, wherever the occasion offered, his best stuff or another start.

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Immediately Matty began to back.

You may recall how Matty used to wir too may recail how Matty used to win one game 1-0, and a few days later pick up another 8 to 6. He was frequently batted hard, but in the main only on those days when his mates were also scoring heavily. Last season Alexander was the only pitcher good for thirty victories. The thirty-game winners are now almost ex-tinet. Yet Matty averaged thirty victories that, yet many averaged thirty victorias a year for six consecutive seasons—from 1903 through 1908—mainly by working when he had to and resting when the chance arrived to pike along at an easy eltp.

#### Test of Class

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The test of class is ability to adjust one's game to the occasion-to be able to ease off when the chance arrives, and then get back at top speed when the call comes. Johnny Ball, one of the greatest of all olfers, would on one day meet an opponent ho had an \$3, and Ball would win, 2 and Who had an s3, and Ball would win, 2 and I. The next day he might meet a man who had a 76, and Ball again would win, 2 and 1. He had such fine control of his game that he could purposely ease up for a rest and save his best pace for a harder match. The average control of the inaugural show, July 3. This bout will being together the greatest fight-or the weight and a bout so the second of the principals in the main rest of the inaugural show, July 3. This bout will being together the greatest fight-ter his weight and a bove the principals in the main rest of the inaugural show, July 3. This The average contender can never do this | or his weight and inches and a boxer that

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were other horses which ran in faster time. But Colin could always travel just fast enough to win. At some period of the race s set a pace so fast no rival entry could hold it, after which Colin took his own time in finishing the drive, using only as much speed as he needed to get there first.

"Hove you ever noticed," comments Jack Doyle, "how much surer the outfielder who mays 'I've got it' is than the one who says "I have it'? 'The I-got-its are a cinch."

Ferdy Schupp, of the Glants, is verging upon July without a defeat. Rube Mar-quard carried his winning ways to July 7, 1912, before they got his range. But at this date Hube had fourteen straight victories to Schupp's eight.

#### How to Be an Umpire

An umpire should stand up and call Each passing out-each strike and ball; He should not try to counter back With any sulphar-lined attack, And if the player throws a ft. He merely has to mutter-""Git"-The while his thumb may delegate The road where clubhouse showers wait.

"Where would be Red Sox be without Babe Ruth"" asks an exchange. Why

### **40-MILE MOTOR-PACED** RACE AT PARK TONIGHT

Four riders will compete in the forty-mile Four reases will compete in the forty-mile motor-paced race tonight at Point Breeze Park Motordrome. These are George Cam-eron, of New York; Menus Bedeil; Herbert, of Boston, and Michael De Raetes, of Bel-

There siss will be a tan-mile race for pace machines, in which Vanderbarry, Hunter and Sonhouse will start.

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BIG LEAGUE OPEN AIR BOXING IS TO START AT SHIBE PARK JULY 3 WITH CHANEY AND DUNDEE MATC

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Summer Ring Shows Will Be Held at Ball Ya at Popular Prices—First Star Contest Made at 133-Pounds Ringside

#### By LOUIS H. JAFFE

NEW YORK-Eddle Fitzsimmons outpointed

BIG league open-air boxing is due to get under way in Philadelphia on the even of the Giorbaux Fourth, according to an interview to Routh, according to an Bobby Gunnis is holding \$200 forfeits from Jokuny Dundle and George Chanes appearance and weight. Prices of admi will range from \$25 to \$1. the home of Connie's Macklans, will be the scene of weekly or himonthly bouts. It Jackie Clark is matched for a ten-ron with Al McCov, the middleweight champion Lonaceming. Md., July 4. The Brookism will get a flat guarantee of \$1000. is the intention of Bobby Gunnis, match-Johnny Dutko, middlewelight of Allent has enlisted in the ambulance corps and that city. He is a blad mechanician and training at the fair grounds in Allentown A new welterweight has cropped up in J town. He is Joe Stefanik, and he is an be a terrific puncher. In six rounds Ste has knocked Out five of his opponents. If he starts to easing up or loafing he finds it impossible to get going again. When the call comes for a spurt he finds his game is pounds before entering the ring, which will be pitched near the home plate. be pitched near the home plate. Another contest of giltedged class and of local color that probably will be clinched later is between Johnny Mealy and Lou Tendler, the southpaw. Phil Glassman, on behalf of Tendler, is willing to sign for the mix; that is, if he were given a guar-antee of \$1000. "Honest Phil" says Looie is worth that purse for so interesting a setto. As the bout would be a wonderful Young Buck Fleming, of Gray's Forty, of the leading annateur bakers in the fly division ners. He scenarily won first pr the Garety. Young Fuck spars with Fleming and Jos Tuber. His best punct left hook. Parthing and Joe Tuber. His best punch left hook. Darby Casuar has a tough job to accom Tuesdar night at the Broadway Club whe pairs of with Faul Doyle, the New York lober Blattillag Murray and Patay Wa both a return bout in the semi ( both a return bout in the semi ( both weda va Battillag Black and Ch Glaver ya, Kid Locke setto. As the bout would be a wonderful attraction, all hands would make good money-and lots of it, says Philip. . . . Young Joe Borrell has been showing proved form every time he baxes. The I is a rugged battler and a good puncher his mananer. Benny Cross, wants to pair rell off with a boxer who steps fast so Young Joe can develop aped. A FTER the opening show at Shibe Park bouts will be held on Wednesday nights. AN EFFORT is being made by an Allen-middleweight tournament with Pennayi-vania boxers entered Jack McCarron, Jackle Clarke and Battling Kopin already have agreed to compete, but Knockout Loughlin doesn't appear to care about get-ting into the elimination. Bobby Reynolds is getting into shap several houts he has in view. He has re an offer to gu to Cleveland, but Str I would like to show here before he jeav home hearth. Freddy Kelly is working out with Terry Govern so that the latter can got into best shape possible. McGovern plans to all summer. As he makes things inter-for the other fellow-also for the fans the time, Terry's scritces always are in mand. Loughlin doen't approach . . . . FRANK ("POP") O'BRIEN will be the official referee during the boxing season Battiling Levinsky is getting back to hi stunt of bexing consistently. He was he today for a bout with Jos Bonds at Rock Beach, N. Y., July 17. at Shibe Park this summer. **Evening Ledger Decisions** Irish Patsy Cline, after stving Johnny wey a terrific lacing the other night, wil tonight again in New York. Young Recto be the Irisher's vis-a.vis. CAMBRIA A. C.--"Boots" Doyle defeated Tommy Carey, Young Lawrence knocked out Tony Rispo, fourth: Young Fitzpatrick outboxed Marty Collina, Jimmy Sutton beat Charles Zobe. Toming Gorman won from Eddle Cavanaugh. RALTMORE-Artie Root and Dick Loadman drew, 15 rounds referre's decision.

Peter Herman, according to a report Memphie, Teith, has agreed to an eight-match with Pai Mours, of that city. Dee are rendered in Memphia, but it's a that Herman will not stand for anything than a draw if both youngsters are on feet at the finish.

Lerry Williams, local light heavyweight, will the opposed to Chief Turner in the star bout at the National Morday night, Eddle Wagond and Toume Joe Horrell, rival Italian light-weights, will get together in the semifinal. Joe Dursuy, who is a promising product, bores al Brown; Jee Stefanik, of Alfentown, will meet Pat O'Maller, and Tounty Baker takes on Mike Marks. Back Crouse, of Pittsburgh, and his townsman, Harry Greb, will meet in round bout in the Smoky City Monday r

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