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BILL DONOVAN JOINS JAWN M'GRAW IN PROVING THAT UMPIRE BAITING HAS DRAWBACKS

ROCKY ROAD TO DUBLIN PROVES PATH OF ROSES AS COMPARED WITH PHILS' EFFORTS TO CATCH GIANTS

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Moran's Athletes Insist Upon Presenting Pirates' New Manager and His Team With Victory in **Opening Game of Present Series**

THE rocky road to Dublin is a path of roses when compared with the highways traversed by our Phils this month. The Men of Moran are hitting the oumps regularly and if it keeps on much longer the pennant hopes will explode with a sincere but lusty BANG! The club is not playing the game it is capable of and as a result many battles are being lost. Sometimes the other club deserves to win, but in the majority of cases misplays by the home folks hand it the combat on a silver platter. There was no excuse for losing the game yesterday. Pittsburgh clearly was outclassed and stepped out on the field to take its daily beating. There was little spirit in that gang from Smoketown, and they were as much surprised as any when they began pushing tallies over the pan. Costly boots by Bancroft, Niehoff and Luderus gummed things up so that the visitors couldn't help copping the matince.

There is something wrong with the Phils and the trouble seems to be in the infield. Bancroft, the best shortstop in the National League, is not going good and in the last week has made many errors. Nichoff boots them with amazing regularity and Luderus comes in for his share. Milton Stock, too, appears too anxious and his play is not as smooth as before. The pitchers are not going very well, but outside of that everything is fine. Pat Moran has a tough job on his hands in pulling his athletes back into their winning stride, but something must be done in a hurry. If the club can't beat Pittsburgh, what chance will it have against the other six entries for the pennant derby?

N ADDITIONAL pitcher and a good infielder will help considerably, A but where can they be procured? Scouts have combed the bushes for talent and returned empty-handed. Bancroft's hand still is sore and a lay-off would do him a world of good, but who could take his place? The same goes for Luderus, but he couldn't be spared. It looks as if the, players would have to work out their own salvation.

Pavilion Managers in Their Glory

AN INCIDENT of particular importance at this time occurred during the open-ming with the Tirates. The Phils were doing everything in their power to present the Pirates and the new manager, Hugo Bezdek, with the winning portion of the nine chapters, and it gave a few rooters in the top pavilion an opportunity to use their vocal hammers. The main subject for criticism seemed to be Captain Luderus. No matter what Fred did, he did it wrong. If Pat Moran had been in a position to hear the remarks he would have been compelled to suggest changing vocations with the kickers. It made little difference that Luderus knocked out a pair of clean hits, he had a right to handle Carey's smash; he should have allowed Joe Oescher to remain in the box when fates and Umpire Quigley were after him; he should have hit the ball over the fence when King made a sensational catch of his liner to the wall; he should have hit the center field wad for a triple when he walked in the third, and he ought to have played Pat Moran at short. In other words, Ludy was on the pan, and it seems particularly out of place.

A Phil rooter is a Phil rooter. In the old days, when Ean Johnson was afraid the A's were going to ruin business in the American League and the Phils were Dennant winners until the end of June, the average Phil fan was at the ball park at all times. It made little difference to him or her whether the Phils were in the lead. The Phil fan's favorites were in there tryin', and that was what counted. We asked this chap who seemed to lead the verbal attack how many ball games he had seen. He replied that he was out almost every day. The fellow is good at heart, no doubt, but a foolish baseball bug, works night work and can't use his thinking apparatus in the daytime. Any way, it was a little tough on Ludy, There is no player on any team in the big leagues who works harder than the Phils' first-sacker. He tries for everything, and his only weakness to be noticed from the press box is the fact that he is what is termed a colorless ball player He is steady, reliable, understands and receives Bancroft forty-nine times out of fifty, covers his territory nicely and, outside of these little details, has hit more balls into Broad street than anybody we can remember. The argument seemed to lead to dope along these lines. The suggestion was

to put Luderus out of the game. We think too much of Ludy to suggest anything like that, so we will pass on to Manager Pat the information that he should give Luderus a rest-he is not hitting, according to Friend Fan, and rest might help his eye. Bring Gawge Whitted in from left field, put Gawge on first and send Schulte into left. If this change would bring a second pennant to Philly it would please Luderus most of all. He has the best interests of the Phils at heart. Geo. ge Whitted looked good at first base in several games, but that is not saying what he would do regularly. 10.1 . . .

THIS article is not to be taken seriously by any of the players in ques-I tion. It is written merely in answer to the uncalled-for comments, a chance to give publicity to the fan's cry; and, be he right or wrong, let the Phils get themselves together, win a couple of ball games, let Ludy join in the good work, and this same man will be the first to yell, "Atta boy, Ludy!

Yankees Submarined and Life Belts Not Working

THERE ARE GOLF CUPS, AND THEN JUST ORDINARY CUPS



COBB LEADS EXTRA BASE HITTING. TOPS FIELD IN BATTING AND TIES ROTH FOR BASE STEALING HONORS

Georgian's .383 Is Twenty-six Points Better Than Speaker's Mark-Cruise Heads Roush by One Point-Cravath Best Slugger

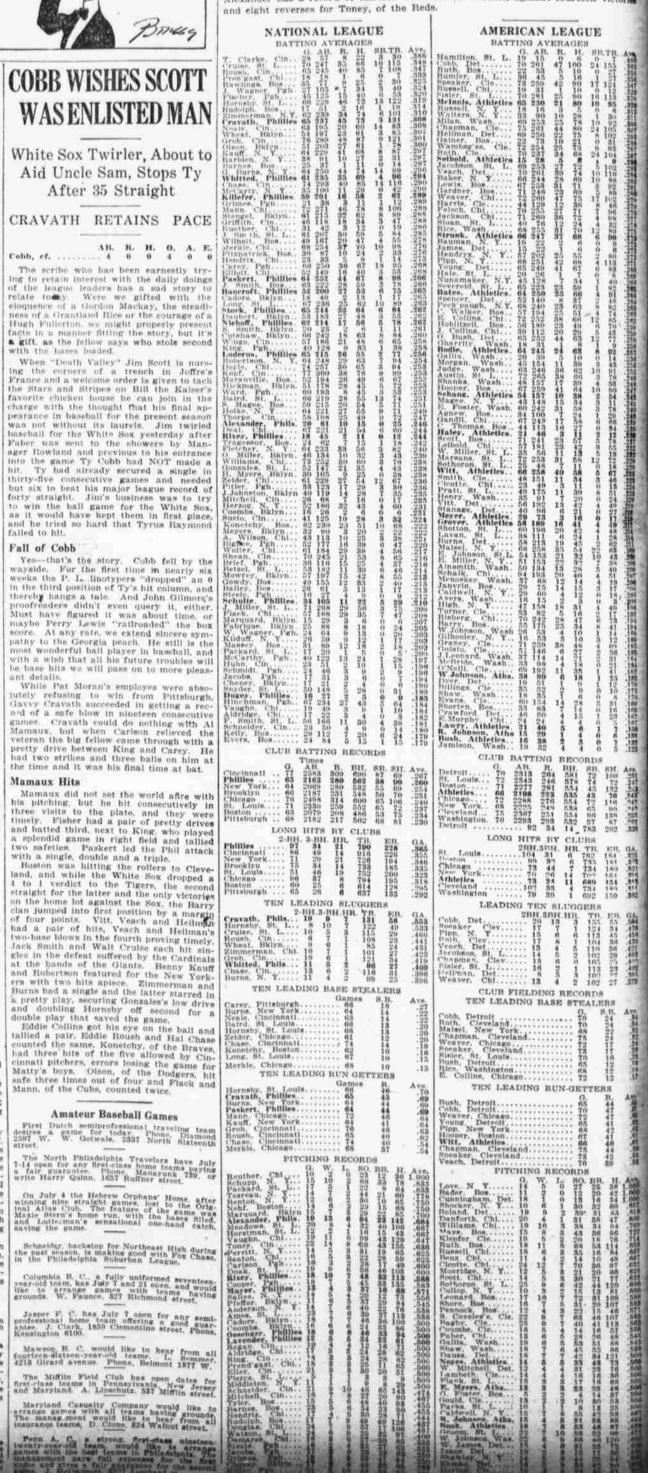
The averages listed below include the official scores of all games inclusive of Wednesday. Counting the batting of Thursday and sesterday the American Leaguers and their average great Cubb. 375, Speaker, 343; Shifer, 333; Melnais, 318, and Chapman, 314. 'National top-nothers are Roush, 349; Cruise, 348; Hornsby, 318; Wheat, 317, and Zimmerman, Olson and Neal cash have an average of 308 for fifth place.

 $T_{\rm to\ the\ top,\ and\ in\ the\ space\ of\ one\ month\ we\ find\ the\ sensational\ Georgian\ occu$ pying the same place which he adorned for nine successive years until deposed last cason by Tris Speaker. Including the games of Wednesday, Ty was credited with 100 hits out of 261 times at bat for agmark of .383. He is tied with Roth, of Cleve-land, for the lead in base stealing, he sets the pace in slugging and is second to his teammate, Donie Bush, in run-getting.

Speaker is second with .347 and Sisler and McInnis are tied for third at .320. Sisler and Speaker each have made ninety hits and McInnis eighty.

Cruise, of the Cardinals, is the leader in batting in the National League with 348. Roush, of the Reds, is credited with one point less. Cravath is the only Philly in the select, the hard-hitting outfielder having .308. John Henry Wagner, veteran Pirate infielder, is found among the top-notchers with his .324. Whitted j Moran's second best hitter with .294. Six other Moranmen are hitting betw than .250.

Schupp tops the pitchers in the Tener circuit with ten wins and two defeats. Alexander has a record of thirteen wins and six defeats, against fourteen victorie



ANAGER WILD BILL DONOVAN, of the New York Yankees, is wilder than W the original wildcat. The bottom has fallen out of everything, and it looks like the whole works have been submarined and the life belts out of commission. The famous outfield fell down through injuries and general disappointment, the wonderful pitching staff has been shot to pieces on account of inconsistency and demoralization, and Bill himself has been sent to the bench to cool off for allowing the strain to cause him to lose his head and resort to the great outdoor sport of umpire balting.

The Yanks have been near-sensations all year. They were just about to become world beaters every now and again, but present conditions are enough to have put a wire edge on the disposition of Manager William, not to mention that of the partisan fans and management who have entertained such high hopes. The team has just ended an uninterrupted break of seven games lost, and now that general demoralization has apparently set in, all hopes of a possible pennant are gone, along with high ambitions of mopping up financially on account of the Giants setting in so had with local fans and papers as a result of the McGraw episode.

Donovan's troubles with his outfield equipment were thought to have been enough to put a quietus to his ultimate pennant hopes, as it seemed from developments that the break-down could not be remedied by substitution of other outfield material already on hand or procurable. But the blow-up of the pitching department, the suspension of Caldwell and Shocker and the ultimate suspension of Manager Donovan himself, leave a baseball wreckage ripe for the junk heap of oblivion, as it were.

THE New York managerial job is no bed of roses these days, the same, L being so eloquently illustrated by recently enacted chapters in the careers both of the Giant and Yankee leaders.

Ouimet Furnishes McGraw Episode of Golf World

THE Ouimet case promises to supply the McGraw episode of the world of golf this season. The great player again has been repudiated by the United States Golf Association, and both he and the Western Golf Association will repudiate and defy the elder golf body by his taking part in the western amateur meet which starts at Chicago next Monday.

Ouimet petitioned the United States Association for reinstatement, but the decision of the executive committee of that body, which was unanimously given and announced a few days ago, was to the effect that he was ineligible as an amateur on the old ground-he was "engaged in the business of selling golf supplics." Oulmet admitted the crime, but stated, as a matter of fact, that he was making only about 20 per cent of his living in that manner.

To the average American mind it would appear that the attitude of the United States Association in its decision is lacking both in logic and consistency. The original view of the point handed down from abroad rests upon the line still strongly drawn there between a professional man and a "tradesman." There are no such distinctions affecting a man's standing as a gentleman or an amateur in this country, and golf, at least as played in America, ought to reflect American rather than English or any other national life.

Chick Evans is also "in trade." and yet he is in good standing with the United States body. He sells bonds, and as quite a large number of golfers in this country have to do with bonds, why may it not be said that the golf advertising that Mr. Evans gets out of his business is just as great in degree and as "professional" in kind as that secured by Mr. Oulmet? Lots of persons deal in supplies that ifters demand and yet are able to maintain a good amateur rating, and why not Mr. Ouimet? The distinction is not clear at all, especially as it appears that the eastern golfer's income from golfing supplies is only a small proportion of his general earning capacity.

UT the real trouble is ahead. The major golf organization is confronted B with the situation of being defied by the Western Association and by Oulmet, and what is it going to do about it?

Will Be Busy Playing for Some Time to Come

IN THE meanwhile, Ouimet is going along serenely and will be kept busy from Monday for the next few weeks filling playing engagements. After the Midlothian tournament, from July 9 to 14 inclusive, Oulmet will on his return East stop at Rochester, where he will take part in an event at the Rochester Country Club, opposing Walter Hagen, the professional there. He will also be seen at the Country Club, Rochester, in another match.

yor of Huffalo has arranged a competition for Ouimet to be decided at Country Club. All of these exhibitions will be for the benefit of the Me is size booked to play in a match for the aid of the war benefit at Semiry Club (Mass) July 31.

it the edge of things, ready to knock off and call it a career!

If the fans demand aggressive factics toward umpires by players, why is it that Christy Mathewson, Ty Cobb, Hans Wag-ner, Walter Johnson and Grover Alexander have been the big drawing cards of baneball when none of them wastes any time in um-pirical abuse? There must be an answer to this query, but what is 1t?

Three years ago, back in the summer of 1914, the Braves were daily said to be cracking under the strain. Now there ain't no strain.

"What." queries Colonel Franklin P. Adams, "will the aviator do for excitement when the war ends?" Well, for one thing, when the war ends: Well, for one thing, there is always an umpire's appointment open to the citizen who insists upon an-swering the clarion Call of the Wild and Woolly.

More About Matty

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the hole.

In the middle of the week Christy Math-ewson at last drove his Reds into a 500 count, less than four games back of third place.

No extended publicity has been awarded Were neither "Oh Fudge" "Tut" or "Pook.



ALWAYS like to go out and practice and yet the tiny ball sailed straight and true to its destined place. Into a wind; I never practice down wind. There is almost never a day on these Into a wind; I never practice down wind. courses when the wind does not blow; the only question is how much or how little; and believe me, it is usually a stinging It is easy for almost any one to get long

blast. learn to apply his

wallop is still a vital factor.

first complete season out.

Dear Sir: For those who have trouble

believe I have the remedy at last. I had trouble, first with a bad slice and then with a bad sull. But I discovered that by top-

ping all tee shots I escaped both faults. I

Limerick of the Links

an recommend this as a sure cure.

slicing or booking their tee shots.

L. L. G.

A Golf Columbus

blast. A golfer must learn to think of a windy day as promising very interesting golf. Then, if ever, is the time to show a man's skill. When I say that I never practice down wind I mean that I never practice with a following wind, for there is no oc-casion in practice to deceive myself, for I know that with but a little aid from me the wind can carry my ball a long dis-tance, and what I need is to learn to do that for myself I do, however, play with a quartering wind, or with a wind coming own strength in such a way that the ball is sent a long distance without a ny adventitious aid. No man can ever be con-

sidered a finished golfer until he is able place his shots with the wind sweeping in a gale about him. On the British

a quartering wind, or with a wind coming a little from either side. How to play into a wind demands an atticle in itself, and that will follow soon, but to do the subject justice one must be certain of its importance, and this is someleaside courses the winds are terrific. and that is why these courses have become thing that the inland player frequently finds hard to realize. famous as tests of

Questions and Answers

game; for the lier the course, CHARLES EVANS windler the course, other things being

It seems impossible for me to keep from driving my tee shots too high in the air. Can you make any suggestions that will help me? equal, the more testing it is. It takes a very decided knack to send a little hall flying into a gale, feeling reason-

If you are using a driver which has a proper slaat in its face then it is likely that you are teeing your ball too high. This is a very common fault, and one which reably sure that it will fall somewhere near a The professionals speak of hanging a ball

suits not only in poor play with the driver, but in unsatisfactory results with the brassy. Try a lower tee and see if you don't get better results. up in the wind, and they do it in such a way that it is blown back and drops near What the wind does to a little golf ball

Wagner Day at Ebbets Field

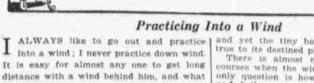
What the wind does to a little golf ball that is sent into it makes a very interest-ing study, and getting a steady flight into the wind is a very hard thing. I have seen shots that to the uninitiated seemsd miracu-lous on British equation sources where a wind was blawing so that one could hardly stand. BROOKLIN, July 7.-- "Wagner Day" will be beerved Wechnesday at Ethera Field, where De Fitteburgh Firstes and the Bohnes will chant in the opening same of their walles. The

ith a wish that all his future troubles will be base hits we will pass on to more pleas he may even finish just under the Giants and Phillies, who are setting all the pace that happens to be in sight. Mafry has one star plicher, one or two good ones, and a club with the punch. The Reds are outant details.

tely refusing to win from Pittsburgh. lavvy Cravath succeeded in getting a re ord of a safe blow in nineteen consecutive games. Cravath could do nothing with Al Mamaux, but when Carlson relieved the veteran the big fellow came through with a batting them all at present, and the ancient Considering the depressing fact that the Reds finished in a tie for last place last sea-son, it would be no light achievement to hoist them back into the first division his pretty drive between King and Carey. He had two strikes and three balls on him at the time and it was his final time at bat.

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Mamaux Hits



the ambitious golfer wants to do is to