# PING BODIE PULLED A CIRCUS CATCH AND WHITE SOX LOSE LEAD TO BOSTON BUNCH

### OPPOSING TEAM THAT FIRED HIM, PING BODIE'S SENSATIONAL WORK GIVES A'S VICTORY IN TWELFTH

Roy Grover's Three Hits Help to Put Chicago Sox in Second Place-Phillies Again Take Pair From Pirates

FOR the last three years Ping Bodie has taken it upon himself to prove to the world at large and the White Sox ball club in particular that a terrible mistake was made when they attached the tinware to his person and shipped him to the tail and uncut. It was a cruel blow in the dark and our Ping lived only for the day to show up the burn guessers who said he wasn't fit for fast company. Everything comes to him who waits, as they say at the hotels, and Bodie's chance beckened him yesterday. It was in the tenth inning of the long-winded contest and Chicago needed only one lone tally to win the game. Ray Schalk stepped up to the plate and scaked one of Joe Bush's benders to the far corner of the left field. It was a beautiful long drive and seemed as safe as a ton of money in the

The audience began to leave and expert timers held watches to find out how long it took to circle the bases on a home run. But Ping had different views about It. At the crack of the bat he tore toward the bleachers, but it looked as if he needed a taxicab to catch the ball. On and on sailed the pellet and Bodie continued to tear up the sod. Just as it was saying farewell while it flitted over his shoulder Ping made a buckward sideways leap and grabbed the ball. It stuck in his glove and it would have taken the combined strength of the 15,000 spectators to pry it loose. The catch was one of the most remarkable ever seen in Chicago or any place else, and no one was as happy as the hefty left fielder. He held un the ball so that every one could see, turned toward the White Sox bench and bowed in his usual Chesterfieldian manner and, to save his strength for further efforts, took off his cap and placed it in his pocket. He didn't care to waste time in doffing it to the applause which followed the catch.

THEN came the twelfth inning and the A's were one run to the good. Grover was roosting on third and Ping decided that another tally was needed to make things more unpleasant for the White Sox. He bided his time, and when Cicotte heaved a floater in the direction of the plate Bodie rapped it to center and Roy can homeward with all sails set. After that they put on the finale and Ping started to tell his experiences to a flock of enthusiastic listeners. At last reports he was still talking.

### Battle Ends Before Athletes Perish From Fatigue

As FOR the game itself, several volumes could be written about it. It was the best and worst game ever inflicted on the dear old public, with enough thrills to satisfy an ordinary undrafted citizen a lifetime. First the A's looked like champlons; the next minute had every appearance of a gang of pork and beaners from Oskaloosa, Ia. To us it looked like a poker game with the deuces wild.

Soon after the combat began the cash customers settled back in their seats to watch the futile efforts of the Mackmen in a one-sided battle against the terrible odds. Rube Schauer, who had ruined his pitching arm drawing to inside straights and three-eard flushes on the scenic journey from Philadelphia, was humanely removed before some one killed him with one of the hot liners which were shot in his direction. Three runs were scored before the hurler was lifted and Jingling Johnson stepped in to take his medicine. He fooled the for for an inning or so, and then our nine showed a startling reversal in form. They played like bons the first two innings, but in the third appeared in the offing disguised as champions. Bodie, of course, had to start it with a single, and he didn't appear any more pleased than if some one had presented him with Lake Michigan or the City Hall. More singles followed, and before the side was retired three markers spiked the plate and the count was knotted. Three more came across in the fifth and another in

Terrifle hitting marked each chapter, and the habit became so common that the White Sox decided to try it themselves. Jing Johnson weakened perceptibly and the first three men up in the sixth singled to right almost in the same spot. A fielder's choice and a sacrifice fly netted two runs,

THEN Joe Bush was imposed upon. Joseph started the seventh with nothing but a cold arm and filled the bases without half trying. Then he grooved one for Jackson, and Joe pasted it to center for a single which allowed two scores to trickle home. That tied the score and the extra innings began soon after.

### If There Is Another Hero, Allow Us to Introduce Roy Grover

TT WAS Roy Grover who really won the ball game, although Ping Bodie made it nanimous. In the twelfth Jimmy Jamieson splashed a swell single into right, and Roy, with the count of three and two on him, sent a long triple to the left field bleachers, chasing Jimmy home with the winning counter. Roy was wailoping the ball yesterday, getting three hits in six times up. Strunk had four out of five, which is a good day's work on any ball ground,

But the strangest and weirdest coincidence or happening-call it what you will-came up in the ninth and eleventh innings. It never has been seen before, and the chances are that it never will be in the future. In those innings virtually the identical plays came up, were handled in the identical manner and ended identically. In the ninth Leibold worked Joe Bush for a pass. He was sacrificed to second by McMillan and went to third when Grover threw out Collins. Joe Jackson, the next man up was deliberately passed. Happy Felsch also was passed, filling the bases. Two were out and Chick Gandil was selected for the victim. Chick tried hard, but the best he could do was lift a high foul over first which was

Then came the eleventh. Leibold, instead of walking, hit a single. He was sent to second on McMillan's sacrifice and took third when Grover threw out Collins, Jackson came up, as before, and was passed. Felsch also received four pitch outs. That loaded the bases as in the ninth, and again Gandil was up to deliver or perish in the attempt. But strange as it may seem, once more he lifted a high foul over first and Stuffy again gobbled it in. If you can beat that coincidence stuff you will have to cheat. However, it proved that Connie had the proper dope and was so sure of it that he worked it twice in the same place.

THE White Sox wanted to win that game and used fourteen players in I the forlorn attempt. Scott started to pitch, but was replaced by Danforth, the guy who beaned Tris Speaker. Faber followed and Cicotte was in at the end. Eddie Murphy and Lefty Russell were used as pinch hitters. The battle will continue today, and the Macks are confident that they will make it two straight.

### Phils Make It Four in a Row

THERE is cause for general satisfaction in reviewing the work of our local baseball representatives. Four victories in two days is not poor work on the part of our Phils. And the Mackmen beat out the White Sox in a thrilling battle that was not decided until the twelfth inning. Yea, Bo! And it was Roy Grover's triple that was the old ball game. Whaddayuh mean, Grover can't hit? There se said in praise and so little time to devote to extraordinary epione that we will merely extemporize. In the first game of the thetic ex. combat between the Phils and Hugo Bezdek's bold buccaneers Charles A. Bender, the old Chief himself, had the Indian sign on the Pirate craft to such an extent that the whitewash was applied for the second time in a row. Mayer blanked 'em Thursday and Bender repeated the stunt in the alpha activities by 3 to 6— Perry Lewis now will accuse somebody of being an amanuensis or something—and Eppa Jeppa Rixey, the tall, slat-shaped southpaw from Virginia, brought home the plane, the clock and a marble "September Morn" in the finale by the score of 7 to 3.

Hugo Bezdek has great confidence in his boys, but Bezdek is not an ordinary being. When Connie was sitting on the bench and watching Larry Lajoie and eight other Athletic uniforms give an exhibition of baseball destitute of qualities which are desirable we used to give him our complete sympathy. Bezdek doesn't need sympathy; he needs a few ball players. However, it is not the idea to give the impression that the Phillies have not earned the four victories. Pittsburgh certainly is not the strongest team in the league, but even the weakest club can make life miserable for the contenders. The splendid playing of the Patphils is the direct cause of four wins in two days. Oeschger twirled a beautiful game as an opener, fielding plays carried the Pirates off their feet with Mayer on the hill. opportune histing helped Bender to send Elmer Jacobs to the showers for the nd day in succession and Eppa was better than Harold Carlson in the coneluding conquest. The Phils came home from Boston determined to make a and-stand finish, and the boys have succeeded. They have virtually walked way with things, but the winning was not as easy as it appears. Therefore full dit must be given the home talent, and we have something on the banking panies as a distributor of testimonial certificates. Outside of that the Men Moran have a clean slate since their arrival for the home stay, and the baseball ag in search of regular ball games will find a visit to the Broad and Huntingm streets park not the least unprofitable, but the essence of pleasure and satis-ection. Even the scribes in the press box enjoyed the games, and that's saying regular when one considers some of the veteran warblers working on the papers.

> its were beaten by the Cardinals, the locals made a gain of . The isams now stand 104 points apart. If the

OH, MAN!



### **Evening Ledger Decisions** of Ring Bouts Last Night

## MEREDITH WILL BE HOME ON TUESDAY

Aviator-Athlete, on Furlough, to Compete in Middle Atlantic Meet Here

AT MT. CLEMENS FIELD

According to reports issued yesterday by Samuel J. Dallas, secretary of the Meadowbrook Club of this city, James E. (Ted) Meredith will leave the air for a return engagement on the cinders. Meredith has been flying for several weeks at the aviation school located hear Mount Clemens,

Those who have been with the great middie-distance runner claim that Ted will break as many records with the airplane

as he has already broken aground. The Meadowbrook Club member, in a letter to Dallas stated that he would be

here Tuesday, and his furlough continues until the 5th of September. This will allow him time to train for the Middle Atlantic States meet, which is on the books for next Saturday, and the national championships at St. Louis the fol-

### M'CLOSKEY'S SCENE AT CAMBRIA IS UNCALLED

wene put on by Jack McCloskey, at the Cambria Club last night," said Johnny Burns, promoter, this morning. Because Andy Burns, who was scheduled to meet McCloskey at 129 pounds, was four pounds overweight. McCloskey refused to box, Burns rays, even after the promoter had offered McCloskey a boost in his purse.

Burns declares that McCloskey absolutely refused to bex Burns, so Johnny, Mornan was substituted. gan was substituted. When Morgan en-tered the ring McCloskey clambered under the ropes and denounced Morgan in no mild Morgan resented the uncompilmentary remarks hurled at him by McCle key, and decided to settle the argument by walloping his termenter. A real fight was averted by the intervention of the police.

You're a time-worn son of fame, Bobbie Wallace. And a credit to the game, Bubble Wallace,

nd a creat Babble Wallare, or although wavere old and gray, on are still a star today, thick is poing some, we'll say. Robbie Wallace.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT TODAY — ROY GROVER Roy's triple in the twelfth inning of the Athletics-Chicago game put the Boston Americans in the lead by a margin of one

Cantain Luderus was in form at first base.

He handled sixteen put-outs in the alpha affair and thirteen in the finale. In the second game he had a single and a double and scored a rus.

Miller Huggins and his Cards deserve a place in the memorandum for future reference. Those boys will count next season.

The Boston Red Sox a year ago won their 1916 mennant with a drive on their last western trin. They overcame Detroit and Chicago, their two deadly rivals.

Today the Red Sox are in first place by a margin of one point and they are on their last invasion of the West. They will meet Chicago in their next series.

Eddie Piank is tending the crops or something at Gettysburg, but the veteran Charles A. Hender still is winning ball games. He blanked the Pirates 3 to 0 in the opening game yesterday.

The Buccaneers were examining the balls frequently to see if Bender had anything up his deeve in the line of tricky work. Bender had als good right arm, and hits were as scarce as smons in August.

day.

There is class with a cap C to this Grover person who plays second for Comile Mack. Roy boared a few hast week and the fans were displeased, but yesterday he had two sincies in addition to his triple that wen the same. Wally Schanz must have had his eye on the ball for keeps. He is credited with three hits, one a double.

## Once more the Phillies have taken two wal-lops at Pittsburgh. If they should continue to win two a day while the Giants lose—but what's the use?

Chicago used Scott Danforth. Paher and Ed-die Cleotie in an effort to ston the Mackmen, who seem to take extreme pleasure in beating the White Sox. Schauer started, Jing Johnson twirled a while and Joe Bush finished up.

Bill Donovan's physician announced today that Bill is doing nicely. Winning a game was almost too much for Bill.

### CONNIE MACK LIKELY TO WIN BET MADE LAST SEASON THAT HE WOULD NOT FINISH IN LAST PLACE IN 1917

When He Made It Last April It Sounded Like a Williss, Fills 18 33 Boast, But It Is Beginning to Look Like a Sure Thing

### By GRANTLAND RICE

Three Up on Ananias A group of golfers sat one day Around the Nineteenth Hole, Exchanging lies and alibis Athwart the flowing lowl;
"Let's give a cup," said one of them,
A sparkle in his eye,
"For him among us who can tell
The most outrageous lie."

"Agreed!" they cried, and one by one They played 'er under par; With yarns of putts and brassic shots That traveled true and far; With stories of prodigious swipes-Of holes they made in one— Of niblick shots from youning traps As Vardon might have done.

And then they noticed, sitting by. Apart from all the rest, A stranger who had yet to join The fabricating test;
"Get in the game"—they said to him— "Come on and shoot your bit"— Whereat the stranger rose and spoke As follows-or to-wit-

"Although I've played some holes in one.
And other holes in two— Although I've often beaten par, I kindly beg of you To let me off—for while I might Show proof of well-carned fame— I never speak about my scores —

They handed him the cup at once, Their beaten banners furled, Inscribing first below his name— THE CHAMPION OF THE WORLD.

Or talk about my game

U this season, and that was that he wouldn't finish last. And unless the faltering Browns toss off their winding sheets at an early date it begins to look as if Conn'e must have known something. As a rule, predicting that he will finish as good as seventh isn't the last word in overbearing confidence on the part of a manager. But when Connie made the statement last April it sounded like a boast. For verification of this you may recall the Macklan record of

1916-about as follows: Won. 36; lost, 117; percentage, .235. The Mackmen last season finished exactly forty games back of Washington in seventh

So when Mack predicted that he would

finish better than last he had this forty-game deficit to figure on. So far he is well

### BINGLES AND BUNGLES

### History Repeats When the Red Sox Go First

The big league scouts are scouting through the bushes for tailent. Glancing over Joe Dever's P. R. T. Car League baseball bunts, we notice that Cumberland won twelve straight games. Any Cobbs or Dugans on that team, Joe? Why not pick up a star for Connie? That would help swell the H. R. If taient is as scarce as the club owners claim it

TONNIE MACK made but one prediction ahead of last year's record, and the rollick-this season, and that was that he ing Browns have helped him carry through.

R. H. G .- Here were the Red Sox-White Sox standings of last year:
Won. Lost P.C. Boston Won. Lost P.C. New York.
Chicago 91 63 591 Brooklyn
Boston's margin was two games. One of Boston's margin was two games. One of Boston's margin was two games. the finishing affairs was a 1-9 victory. Two runs in that game would have given Chicago a tie for the top.

Figuring along these lines, it might be said that Boston won the pennant last sea-son by one run. Which is close enough for

The Giants are now in a highly precarious situation. By losing virtually all their re-maining games and four or five regulars they can be easily nosed out late in Septem-ber—provided some rival establishment in the race improves 27 the race improves 37 per cent the rest of

"Only fine batting and base running make Cobb the greatest player of his day, ob-serves an exchange.

What a droll coincidence! Only writing

ability made Shakespeare a bird, and if it wasn't for Caruso's voice, in what league ould he be now?

"Giants pulling for White Sox to win," No sane ball club is hankering to grapple with Babe Ruth when the esteemed Babe happens to be feeling in the mood. To say nothing of Dutch Leonard upon fairly sea-sonable days.

Player Club Burns, New York Gauff, New York Hornshy, St. Louis.

### Golf Problem

Sir—I assert that as long as a man keeps his head still it isn't necessary to look at the ball. I believe keeping the head still the ball. is the more important detail. A friend 1 have says that it is equally important to look at the ball. What's the answer?

Keeping the head still may be more important, but as long as the eyes are turned in that direction, why not take a stingy peek at the ball also? Although there are when many golfers could undoubtedly play better while wearing blink-

### EARL EBY QUITS COLLEGE TO JOIN AMBULANCE CORPS

Earl Eby, member of the great freshman relay team of the University of Pennsyl-vania last spring, which set up a new record over the mile for first-year men, will not return to college this fail.

Eby, whose home is in the West, has joined the Ambulance Corps of the Chicago A. A., and will sail for France within a

Six Players Recalled From Minors CHICAGO, Aug. 18. — Six players have seen recalled rom the minors by the Chicago American League baseball club, and will report soon. The men are Henry and Robertson, of Hutchinson, in the Western

### BENNIE KAUFF RISES TO SECOND PLACE IN NATIONAL HITTING AND STUFFY M'INNIS FALLS BELOW .300

Giant Former Fed Next to Erstwhile Outlaw Eddie Roush—A's First Sacker Below Select Mark for First Time This Season

THE last week's batting features in the big leagues are the climb of Kauff, the Giant and former Federal League batting star, to second place in the National League ahead of Cruise and Hornsby, and the slump of McInnis from .300 society. Roush still is leading in the Tener circuit, but Kauff has climbed up over the two St. Louis sluggers with a score of 321. Roush advanced some and now claims 348, a substantial lead, while Cruise is three points ahead of the new runner-up

and Hornsby is hitting .311. The Athletic first-sacker has tumbled below the .300 mark for the first time this season since averages began to be published. He now is one point shy of the coveted figure that admits to the select category of swatsmen.

Ping Bodle and Gavvy Cravath continue to represent their respective teams in the class which denotes the ten best sluggers in their organizations. Cravath is second in the National and Bodie fifth in the American. Paskert and Strunk are again shown to be among the two leagues' ten best run-getters, the former having made fifty-eight runs against sixty-four for the A. producer.

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