

JIM VAUGHN IS NOT ON PHILS' PAYROLL, BUT HE PROVED A BIG HELP TO PAT MORAN

DOUBLE KILLING AGAINST REDS PUTS PHILS NINE GAMES BEHIND GIANTS IN NATIONAL LEAGUE RACE

Patmorans Play Boldface Article of Baseball in Twin Struggle as Giants Shine in First, But Drop to Plain Agate in the Nightcap

A DUPLICATE double killing for the Patmorans in the twin bill at the Phils' field today would give the home talent a record of eleven games won and two lost since the team came home from Boston. It is hard to figure on a pair of victories with such stars as Fred Toney and Pete Schneider on deck prepared to pitch the games of their careers in an effort to stop the Phils, but we have Alex Bender and Mayer ready for service, and should the locals play a standard of ball equal to yesterday's games it is not unlikely that two box scores will be added to the won column.

Two splendid victories were gained by the Patphils yesterday. The games were close in every respect. Seven pitchers saw service on the hill, but Eppa Rixey will receive credit for both local victories. The Phils used Oeschger, Rixey and Bender, while Matty wasted Regan, Ring, Eller and Mitchell. Joe Oeschger started off like a house afire in the first game and for five innings he looked like the money. Left-handed batters worried him in the sixth and seventh innings and after the Reds had tied the score in the "stretch" Rixey was sent in. With the score a tie, in the Phils' half of the eighth inning, George Whitted made his third hit, a double to left, and counted on Niehoff's smash. Rixey had done so well in the final. He got away to a bad start, the Redlegs scoring three runs in the first inning. At this period the Phils only started to prove their gameness. The locals picked up one in their half, scored in the second, and in the Phils' half found the teams tied. The Reds took the lead in the fifth, but in the Phils' half of the seventh the big crowd shouted for victory. A fusillade of blows from the bats of virtually all the Phils' lineup was the answer, and when the smoke of the inning cleared away the locals were three runs to the good. Yes! Everybody was happy. And to save the game, or just to make things sure, Bender was brought in on the pit. As the veteran took the mound, the seven runs made by the Cubs in the seventh inning of the second New York-Chicago game, was placed on the scoreboard and the crowd simply went wild. The Chief was nicked for a pair and his mark of twenty-seven consecutive scoreless innings was broken, but he tightened up at the proper time and, as he retired the side in order in the ninth, the Phils breezed in with both games by a margin of one run.

THE Cubs, due to the splendid pitching of Jim Vaughn, succeeded in tripping the Giants in the second game after Perritt had dined on Phil Douglas in the opener, and the locals now stand nine games behind the league leaders. Since coming home the Phils have won five straight from the Pirates, split even on four with the Cubs and have won two from the Reds. If the boys can keep this work up the press publications will have to stop sending out advance data on "World's Series Stars" with such men as Benny Kauff, Heinie Zimmerman and George Burns featured. Al Demaree was pounded for fourteen hits in seven sessions, seven runs being scored off his delivery in the one big inning.

Games Prove Sensational in Every Respect THERE was any fan in the stands who did not get a run for his cardboard during the twin bill yesterday, that chap is a nut on some subject other than baseball, because during the eighteen innings a total of twenty-four runs flashed across the pan under the heavy storming of forty-seven fierce wallpops from the bats of the contenders, some nine doubles and three triples helping to decide the issue. There was some inside baseball, dumb baseball, good pitching, bad pitching, batting rallies, clever base running, stupid base running, long hits, punts, sacrifice flies and drives to the wall, slams to the bull sign and fouls into the press box, fans keeping balls and fans throwing them back. One player, Niehoff, cracked a double to the right-center wall and the next minute was hit by a batted ball; in fact, everything possible in a ball game. Gabby Cravath had advance information on what Ping Bodie was doing to the Detroit pitchers, so he leaned against the offerings for three triples, a single and a walk; Niehoff secured three singles, a double and a pass; Milt Stock and Jack Adams came through nicely and Heinie Groh slashed out six base hits and walked once. His drive in the eighth inning of the second game scored Griffith and Wingo, breaking the Chief's fine record.

ELLER was a mark for the Phils in the nightcap event. All seven runs and thirteen of the fifteen hits, or twenty-two bases came during his seven-inning administration. The four-run rally of the Phils' seventh decided this slugfest in favor of the Morans. The Reds also married their bats in this game, eleven hits for thirteen bases.

Mackmen Also Have the Punch THE Phils did not carry off all the honors yesterday. Connie's pets got busy against the Tigers in the only American League game played yesterday and won easily, 8 to 4.

Despite the small crowd and unfavorable weather conditions, the A's proceeded to pound three Tiger twirlers for sixteen hits, good for twenty-seven total bases. This victory was the first for the Mackmen in the last seven starts, having dropped two to the White Sox, three to the Indians and one to the Tigers. That the Athletics are far from back numbers was only too evident at Navin Field during the afternoon. They hit the ball with a vengeance and it was the renowned Ping Bodie who led his mates with the stick, accumulating two singles and a pair of doubles out of five trips to the plate. Strunk contributed a triple and double while Haley, in addition to catching an excellent game, came through with a single, double and triple.

Rube Schauer went to the mound for Connie and after his pals had given him a two-run lead in the third, "blew" in the fourth and when the ascension was over the Tigers were in front by a 4 to 3 count. This was enough for the Rube, so thought Connie, and Seligson adorned the mound for the remainder of the game. The Macks drove Cunningham and Coveloski from the rubber and treated Ehmke roughly in the one session he labored.

BODIE'S four hits, of course, featured, but Strunk and Haley hit triples; Grover, Haley, Bates and Dugan hit doubles, and with the exception of Jamieson and Schauer, every Mackman had a bingle.

Willard Gives Word to Fight for Matt Hinkle—Some Time HAVE Jess Willard's promise to meet the winner of the Fulton-Morris bout and I think he will keep his word," writes Matt Hinkle from Cleveland. Matt went to Detroit recently and conferred with the big champion between the circus acts. Jess is said to have been willing to box the victor in the Labor Day scrap and cheerfully gave his promise. But it will be remembered that Bill the Kaiser made a short speech once about "mere scraps of paper," and a verbal agreement is less binding than one of those things. Hinkle, however, is on the level and sincere in the matter. He offered the main attraction of the circus \$50,000 to don the mitts, and that's a pile of money these days. Perhaps Big Jess will battle again, but we will be more sure of it when we see the well-known performer climb through the ropes.

Hinkle is putting over the Fulton-Morris bout in great style. Both battlers are training in Cleveland and there is quite a little interest in the battle. It virtually is a championship contest, as the boxers are the best in the heavyweight division and the winner will have a perfect right to claim the championship if Willard refuses to defend the title. Jess, by the way, has boxed exactly thirty minutes since winning from Jack Johnson and it's about time for him to do something or quit altogether. If he has any desire to fight, Hinkle is the man to do business with. Matt has an unlimited bankroll, knows how to stage a big bout better than any one in the country and has the place to put it on. He first considers the public, and when they are satisfied the boxers are heard. That is the chief cause of his popularity.

THE Fulton-Morris bout will be fifteen rounds to a decision. The men are bitter enemies and some regular slam-bank stuff is expected. Last winter the pair met in New York and Morris won on a foul in the fifth round. Fulton said that he was not to blame and wanted another chance to prove that he was Carl's superior. His wish has been granted.

Kilbane Is Asked to Raise the Featherweight Scale WALTER ST. DENNIS comes forward with the statement that Johnny Kilbane's position in boxing circles might be augmented if he would be willing to consent to a move that would raise the present featherweight scale of 122 pounds to 126, which weight now is the official poundage in England.

"If Kilbane wants to prove that he is a real fighter, a real champion, and one willing to take a chance, there is one thing he can do, and he will find a pack of challengers who would give him the mischief for some rounds anyway," said a boxing follower the other day. "That one thing is to lift the featherweight scale to the English standard of 126 pounds. He will find lots of company and be in line to gather some big wads of money if he can prove he is even the best at the higher weight."

"For instance, there is Johnny Dundee. Now, Johnny is at his best at about 135, and those who remember the fight he gave the champion in their twenty-round bout on the coast a long time ago cannot fail to see what a tussle it would be between them now at the higher scale. Then there is George Cheneo, who was as dead as a mackerel at 122 pounds, when Johnny beat him a year ago. George would give him the mischief if he could go in at a higher weight. These are only two of the real ones. A dozen could be mentioned.

Kilbane would be setting no precedent in doing that, for it will be recalled that the lightweight championship has changed hands at all weights up to 135 pounds. Such action would stimulate the interest in the featherweight class, which has been very dry on anything that provided good contests for ever so long. It is believed only about 125 of 123 pounds have found trouble getting up to the higher weight. It is believed that a dozen could be mentioned.

ONE OF THE JOYS OF GOLF IS GETTING OUT IN THE OPEN



Scrap About Scappers

WHAT we don't know about stocks could be found in several volumes at the Congressional Library, but if there is any Joe Welling preferred lying around the bases we might be induced to trade an odd Liberty Bond for a chance to share the percentage with Welling & Co. Joseph hasn't done a thing except enlist in the naval militia. Welling is considered one of the best lightweights in the country, and is certain to secure a match with Benny Leonard over the ten-round route at one of the New York clubs should he be successful. In his bout with Frankie Callahan in Racine, Wis., on Labor Day, he is one of the first of the country's leading boxers who have joined the colors. It is thought that he preferred enlistment in the navy branch to being caught in the draft. Benny Leonard has been criticized for his reported statement that he would enlist, and his failure to do so was the cause of comment in the Polo Grounds, and will be similar to the fact that Governor Whitman denied Benny to act as a boxing instructor at one of the camps.

IN THIS way it is expected that Leonard and Johnny Kilbane will be far more valuable than as soldiers in the ranks or as "gobs" on the seas. Lightweights Will Be Kept Busy MANY matches have been arranged for the near future between the star lightweights. Welling and Frankie Callahan are slated for Labor Day at Racine; Irish Patsy Cline will oppose Pete Hartley, Chick Nelson and Willie Jackson in the order named at Benny Leonard's boxing club in New York City, and will be slated with Joe Money, Tommy Tonhey, Cline and Young Lou Cardell; Johnny Dundee will box Johnny Ray at Pittsburgh next week and then takes on Battling Nantz at Bridgeport, Conn.; Benny Leonard boxes Phil Bloom at Pittsburgh some time in September, and Welling will be matched with a good boy for a bout at the St. Nicholas Club, in New York City, tonight. And yet there are other matches wanted. Of these dates, the match between Leonard and Bloom at the Forbes Field ball park in Pittsburgh; Cline and Jackson at the Manhattan Club, in New York, across from the Polo Grounds, and the contest between Welling and Callahan at Racine are the most prominent.

CLINE and Jackson gave the promoters all kinds of trouble before they were finally matched and the date set for September 10. First there was a hitch over the Detroit question. Cline wanted catchweights, while Jackson insisted upon 133 pounds ringside. Jackson finally agreed to 134 pounds at 9 o'clock, each man to post a forfeit of \$250. This dispute adjusted another then arose regarding the purse. Jackson was offered \$1500 guarantee or a percentage of the gross receipts, and he refused, together with 25 per cent of the gross receipts. He refused to consider the match on any other terms, and the club had to consent to his wishes in the matter.

West Philadelphia is to have another chance to support a regular boxing club. There is no central part of West Philly, and wherever either to South Philadelphia, Kensington, or Tacony, the new club is to be under the management of Johnny Kilbane, who has been down to the floor. It was thought that Benny would give the club a name, but he was the winner at the end of the six rounds and the head fight seen at the open-air arena this season, Benny is out to win the newspaper verdict on Monday.

The bout between Benny McNeil and Gusie Lewis at the Olympia A. A. on Monday night is a career. These two boys fought at the Shibe Park, and Benny was the winner. Benny caught Gusie squarely in one of the early rounds, and as a result Gusie went down to the floor. It was thought that Benny would give the club a name, but he was the winner at the end of the six rounds and the head fight seen at the open-air arena this season, Benny is out to win the newspaper verdict on Monday.

Wild Burt Kenny, of New York, is anxious to show his fighting qualities at one of the local clubs in order as his manager, Harry Lenny, says, to force the champions of the middleweight and light-heavyweight divisions to meet him. Kenny is the fighter who a few weeks ago gave Kid Norfolk the much-touted seven-wonder, twenty-five pounds in weight and still was the winner at the end of the ten-round fight.

Cambrisa Bouts Tonight On account of the rain the open-air boxing show at the Curtis Club was postponed and will be staged tonight. The bouts are Tommy Collins, who is a former champion of the world, and Eddie Revolver, his old rival, in the wind-up; Young Jack Toland, of the Sixth Ward, and Johnny Kilbane, of New York, in the semi-final. The remainder of the show are Tommy Collins, of Kensington, and Harry Barron, of Nicetown; Eddie Harvey, of England, and Eddie Kelly, of Philadelphia; and Harry McKee, of the Seventeenth Ward, and Hugo McKee, of Richmond.

Pete Herman Is Drafted NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 25.—The claim of the parents of Pete Herman, claimant to the banishment of service in the national army, because he is their sole support, has been denied by the local district board. Herman, who passed the physical examination, filed no claim for exemption himself.

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TERRIFIC BLOWS ON 100-MILE FRONT NOT THE REAL ITALIAN WAR NEWS OF WEEK JUST ENDED

Honors Go to Sig. Bodie, "Heapsa Big Swatsman, Who Busta Da Fence"—Chief Bender Now Heading Alex in Hurling Records

HEAVY firing has been reported at some length during the last week along a hundred-mile front in the Iazono section, but the "greatest Italian noise" has been coming from somewhere in the Middle West, the same representing the terrific cannonading of Sig. Ping Bodie in driving the hostile pitchers from the hurling Alps. The redoubtable Ping party now is snugly resting in the 300 class as a swatsman, having crowded the well-known and highly esteemed Mr. McInnis from his historic position as leading Mack pounder. Ping's figure at the time of the statistician's going to press was 302, to an even 300 for Stuffy.

California also heads the Phils in whaling honors, Gavy Cravath leading his pals both in percentage and in distance wallpopping. Whitted is staging a come-back, however, and is crowding the Coast mauler again with .283, only five points behind. Cravath now heads the league in home runs, being one to the good over Rogers Hornsby with nine, although the St. Louis star is slightly to the good of Gavy and the league as aggregate digitizing hitter.

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GIANTS' PITCHING STAFF NOT SO WEAK, WITH THREE BIG SOUTHPAWS TO ASSIST PERRITT AND TESREAU

Four of the Five Are Veterans and the Fifth Has Had Two Years in Major League Baseball

By GRANTLAND RICE The Gift of the Cities The Big League cities make the game—the Bush Towns are a shame; The Big League is the only fish That dangles on the line; But TY COBB is a ROYSTON boy—A town you never knew; And MATHEWSON from FACTORYVILLE, And CRAWFORD from WAHOO.

It goes, of course, without debate The Big Town is the smoke; The Bush Town isn't worth a rap, Unless you like a joke; But MINER BROWN'S from NYESVILLE, Ind., Where tourists seldom go; And WALTER JOHNSON started out At WEISER, Idaho.

I might keep on along this line Upon an endless path, Through Jackson, Alexander, Doyle, Or Wagner and Cravath; And yet I think you make the dope—Which trickles from my kale—The Big League cities have the Kale—The Bush Towns have the Men.

available would be to have all teams made up of new talent, with no regular to last year or other years permitted to play, except as an assistant coach or instructor.

Then all would start from an even basis, and there could be no feeling that one university had been victorious because most of its regulars had remained at home.

"If a goffer with a flat swing can hit the ball better than with an upright swing, why shouldn't he keep to the first?" asks a reader. He should. But can he?

"Who was the greatest of Mack's three pitchers," queries G. H. K.—"Bender, Plank or Coombs?" Why not split it three ways and suspend further debate?

The Change Once in the August days We looked with a growing thrill To the span of winning plays For the next World Series will.

But on with the laureled brow, Where the battling lines advance; The Phils' but one World Series now—Where the line-up stands in France.

While the aviation corps may produce the great amount of thrills, the infantry and the artillery still have sufficient left to take care of the normal citizen's daily needs.

With the brightest of the stars you have shown, When he takes the likes of you, Henry Doyle, You're a battle-scarred old Turk, And the serbes will surely of you. Ape after you are through, For you've been a mighty man of the game.

In the Spotlight today—Eppa Rixey, The Phils' but one World Series glory Cincinnati.

Nine games separate the Philles and Giants today. Ping Bodie's hitting helped the Athletics somewhat. Ping got two doubles and two singles in five times up against Detroit.

The Pirates took a 1-0 game at Boston. When the Pirates win games like that there must be something wrong.

Yes, Steve, Cravath is through. Three triples and a single in two games was all he could collect.

Ten put-outs in left field is somewhat unusual. That's about all that amount for the Buccaneers Friday.

Red Murray caught two innings for the Giants.

Thorne made his first appearance with the Giants since returning from Cincinnati when he batted for Anderson. He still swings hard.

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OLYMPIA A. A. Broad and Balmaceda MONDAY, Aug. 25.—The Philadelphia National League baseball club yesterday purchased Harry Balmaceda from the Philadelphia Athletics.

Point Breeze Races Tonight Four Men Will Compete in Fifty-Mile Event The rain on Thursday made it necessary to call off the second qualifying heat of the 1917 championship race at Point Breeze and as the majority of the riders who were in this heat are scheduled to ride in Boston tonight, the managers had no recourse but to make a selection of three riders to ride in the championship race next Thursday night.

The riders selected were Carmen Lawrence and Madonna, who will ride along with the winner of the first heat, who were Corry, Lawrence and Cameron.

Tonight's race is a fifty-mile event with four of the best men on the circuit, namely, Lawrence, Herbert, Collins and Redell. The usual starters, however, is which Vanderwey and Archer will ride, will proceed tomorrow.

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