

PHILS BAMBOOZLE THE BRAVES WHEN NEWSLUGGERS SLUG BALL AFTER WRECKERS ARE WRECKED

Pat Ragan Is Driven Off Slab by Weak End of Batting List After Cravath and Pals Had Been Disposed Of—Mayer Pitches Well

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

Phil's yesterday showed them selves in their true light. They are terrible deceivers. They cannot be depended upon. They are guilty of working a goldbrick game on the innocent bystander and put the bunco stuff across in such a smooth and capable manner that even the visitors from Boston were bamboozled.

Down South it was discovered, after several weeks of careful investigation, that Pat Ragan had a cluster of diamonds on his payroll, viz., Cravath, Luderus, Whitted and Meusel. This quartet demonstrated on several occasions that the chassis baseball could be used to the best advantage on a long journey several miles from the ball yard.

The Dope Changed

It was the dope down South, but it did not come true to form in these parts. It was a case of a man who had been in the game for some time and was generally supposed that it would be a cinch to win the ball game; but here is where the visitors were deceived.

The inimitable stuff was put on in the seventh inning, and it caused no more surprise than a report that there would be no more hits in Boston this year. The score was 1 to 0 in our favor and the weak end of the batting order at Pat Ragan was breezing along beautifully and was contented with himself, the world and everything else.

Erk Spills the Beans

Erkine Mayer stepped up to the plate and Ragan felt sorry for the hard-working pitcher. He wanted to show his opponent a good time, however, so he swung at the first ball, and there was a swish of the bat, followed by a crash when the ball was hit on the nose and Powell chased the sphere to the foot of the baselines and ran it back without opposition.

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Phil's Have the Punch

Phil's look good despite the absence of Alexander, Killefer, Riskey and Packer. Pat Moran has done wonders with the club, and has a fast, peppery aggressive team on the field.

Who Will Be Next?

Who that Mayer has done his bit, Ragan is against it for another pitcher. Oseguera was expected to get the job to help out Mayer, but his superior golf refuses to get well, and he will be on the sidelines for another week at least.

Standings of the Clubs

NATIONAL LEAGUE

ALEXANDER, STAR PITCHER, NOW AVIATOR IN ARMY



Alexander, star pitcher, now aviator in army. He is the fourth figure from the left and stands just to the right of the pilot's seat.

The opening of the baseball season directs special attention to the fact that Grover Cleveland Alexander, the world-famous pitcher, has been drafted for service in the National Army, and instead of pitching for the Cubs he will be busy helping Uncle Sam win the war.

He was among the first twelve men selected in Howard County, Nebraska, for service. The photograph shows Alexander ready to make an airplane flight. He is the fourth figure from the left and stands just to the right of the pilot's seat.

BUSH MAY WORK AGAINST MACKS

Former "A" or Leonard Due to Oppose Gregg in Third Game Today

By WILLIAM H. EVANS

These quarrelsome Athletics have two games in a row to the Red Sox, but somehow or other they refuse to get on the job. The day when the Athletics "put the boot" on the Red Sox, they were the day when the Athletics "put the boot" on the Red Sox.

Improved Mack Team

There's a difference between this team of 1918, A's and the one which "some" call the "old" Athletics. Boston saw an example of it yesterday. It came after the questionable decision of the two umpires on Shannon's coaching.

Rube Aroused

"Connie would say nothing against the umpires when he was quizzed this morning. 'That is not Connie's way, but Connie Rube's way is as hot as he could be without melting.'

Hitting Lightly

So far the A's have made but five hits in two games, but long distance information of this statistical sort often is misleading. So it is in this instance.

Hub City Notes

One of the Hub newspapers is conducting a laudable campaign to raise general money for a grandstand and clubhouse for the Philadelphia Athletics at Camp Devens.

101,000 Fans Attend Opening Ball Games

One hundred and one thousand fans passed through the turnstiles in the opening major league baseball games in the seven cities Monday and Tuesday.

Table showing attendance figures for various cities and leagues.

REDS WIN PITCHING BATTLE FROM PIRATES

Schneider Allows Pittsburgh but One Hit in Opening Game—Cooper Wrenches Ankle

Pittsburgh, April 17.—Schneider's pitching combined with costly errors by the visitors enabled Cincinnati to win the opening game of the season here yesterday from Pittsburgh by a score of 2 to 0.

Where Alphas Fail

Alphas are downed. Withers, that stymie of the Reds over Red Hazzard and Lefty Cooper, of the Pirates, likewise proved the stubborn resistance of Rube Terry when he fell fighting gamely in the Red Sox got a single off of his shoats.

ALEXANDER HIT HARD AND ST. LOUIS WINS

Meadows Outpitches King of Twirlers and Cubs Go Down to Defeat

St. Louis, April 17.—St. Louis opened the National League season here with a 4 to 2 victory over the Cubs yesterday.

Notes of the Boutlers

Having won the second season series, Aviator M. C. A. will now meet the winners of first season, Rowland Men's Club, for the championship of the city.

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First Philadelphia Player in Service to Pass Away. Victim of Pneumonia. Sergeant in Engineering Corps



Jack Dempsey, Aronimink golfer, died in France. He was a sergeant in the engineering corps.

By WILLIAM H. EVANS

THIS first Philadelphia golfer in every town in France to go over the top for the last time is Sergeant John A. Dempsey, of the Aronimink Country Club.

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