

NEWS AND COMMENT ON GOLF AND GOLFERS OF PHILADELPHIA CLUBS—OTHER ITEMS OF SPORT

GIANTS SUFFER REVERSES ON WEST FRONT, LEADING NOW BY ONLY TWO GAMES

Cubs Continue to Jolt Eastern Invaders and, Minus Alexander, Are Within Striking Distance of Pace-Setting Position

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THOSE wise birds who roost on Broadway are singing a different tune these days. About two weeks ago they were warbling a sweet little ditty entitled "The only thing that stands between the Giants and the pennant is five months."

But there's many a slip between May and October, and the men of McGraw discovered this to be a fact when they had themselves seaward instead of sweeping everything before them, they were stopped in Pittsburgh and Cincinnati, not by St. Louis and bombed the bumps twice in succession in Chicago.

This sudden reverse has been highly gratifying to the seven other starters in the National League race and things are getting more interesting every day.

Today the Giants are only two games ahead of the Chicago Cubs, five ahead of Cincinnati and Pittsburgh is one-half dozen battles to the bad.

The Cubs have a chance to tie the leaders if they grab the next pair of contests.

New York is due for a big slump, which no doubt will not be accepted gracefully along Broadway.

The heavy hitting has been stopped through liberal use of southpaw fingers and the pitchers have not been showing and too much class.

McGraw at present has a very weak twirling staff. His two best bats, Jess Barnes and Rube Benton, have been summoned for military service and Ferdie Schupp has a bum arm which will keep him out of the game for a couple of months at least.

The loss of these three athletes will weaken the club as Terreau, Salter, Bennett, Anderson and Demaree are only mediocre performers.

Good Defense Needed to Win in Ball Games

It is true that the Giants are a tough crowd to pitch to, as any man in the line-up is likely to hit the ball a mile and break up a close game.

From Young down to McArthur the team is composed of sluggers, but they will be forced to work mighty hard to drive in runs enough to win if the pitching falls below par.

A good finger like Johnson or Alexander needs only one or two scores to insure a victory, but the Giants, under the harding department takes a brace, will need five or six.

A good attack is all right, but it is also necessary to have a good defense.

Benny Kauff is playing good ball in center field, but he has been placed in Class 1A in the draft and is likely to be called any day.

If he leaves McGraw will find it hard to isolate that spot in the outfield. Without or Jim Thorpe will take his place, but neither can compare with Bushy Benge.

It also is reported Davy Robertson may return.

The draft is beginning to collect its toll from the ranks of the major leaguers, which is a good argument against General Crowder's recent order.

Most of the eligible men have been taken, and before another month has passed all will have joined the colors.

The Athletics will be handed a terrible jolt when George Burns leaves, as the Toga thumper has been responsible for many runs this season and his trusty biddgen has kept the Mackerels in the race.

Connie has Jake Munch on the job to step into Burns's shoes, which means that George is expected to leave any day.

The Cubs recovered from the loss of Alexander, but as can't help wondering what would have happened had Big Tex been twirling for Woodman for the last two weeks.

THE DAYS OF REAL SPORT



THE GOUSIN FROM THE BIG CITY

Six Golf Matches for Red Cross Get a Total of \$9000

No golf matches for the War Chest have been played in Philadelphia as yet. Golfers are waiting for the executive committee of the Red Cross to select a date for Saturday and Sunday. These matches will be played in the Merionville district.

Table listing names, courses, and amounts for the Red Cross golf matches.

FINAL LEG OF THE BOWLING SERIES

Singles Start Roll-Off Tonight on Keystone Alleys, Teams Awarded Prizes

With one quarter league and team bowling tournament now only history, the last and final series will open tonight on the Keystone Bowling Alleys.

Table listing bowling team names and scores.

Loss on Nucleon

Max Marston who is playing at Marston Hall over the Greenwicks course for the day, was struck by a bullet while playing with Travers against Barnes and McNamara.

Main Line League

The Main Line League will play their annual game in the city section, three more interesting games Saturday, the results of which will be published in the Evening Public Ledger.

Table listing Main Line League team names and scores.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS

Table listing various golf clubs and their standings.

SCHEDULE FOR MEMORIAL DAY AFTERNOON

Table listing Memorial Day afternoon events and locations.

EXHIBITION GOLF PAYS \$10,000 INTO WAR CHEST

While Philadelphia Golfers Wait for Action, New York and Atlantic City Are Busy With Tournaments for War Charity

A HALF dozen matches for the benefit of the Red Cross were held last Saturday and Sunday, and a small total of \$9,000 was collected.

Walker in Third Place in the Big Batting Race

"Home-run" Baker yesterday batted his way into the lead in the Big Batting Race for the benefit of the Red Cross.

Table listing batting race statistics for various players.

Jersey Boxing on for Tonight

Fighters to Open Under New Regulations in Jersey City Ring

The Olympic management has arranged an all-star show for tonight with Johnny Dundee, the Scotch Whip and Eddie Morgan, of England, in the final bout.

Mount St. Mary's, 11; Camp Coll, 5

Fannetsburg, Md., May 27.—The first baseball game ever played on the field of Mount St. Mary's was held today.

Amateur Notes

St. Monica's Club has May 30 as its final day and would like to hear from all members before that date.

Sports Writers Decorate Graves of Their Dead

In accordance with the annual custom, the Sporting Writers' Association, decorated the graves of the deceased members yesterday.

Bacharach Giants, 7; Camden A. C., 0

Atlantic City, May 27.—The Bacharach Giants today defeated Camden A. C. by a score of 7 to 0.

Pottstown, 2; Cresona, 0

Pottstown, Pa., May 27.—Pottstown blanketed Cresona here yesterday, 2 to 0.

ALFRED SHRUBB IS DOING HIS BIT ON CANADIAN FARM, AND IS IN BEST OF HEALTH

Famous Englishman, Holder of Many World's Records, in Letter to Jack Roden, Denies Reports That He Is Dying

By PAUL PRIP

MORE and positive proof that Alfred Shrubbs, the famous Englishman, who was one of the best if not the greatest distance runners who ever was, is not dying.

When he first came to this country he came to me and asked to be entered in the Philadelphia Athletic Club. He was only a little kid and didn't look to weigh more than a hundred pounds.

Two weeks ago, when the 100-mile race was on, he was carrying the pole of the various fitness of Shrubbs. He had a few and sent them along with a demand of those reports published in this column to the former Harvard University cross-country coach.

Shrubbs to say the least was in some circumstances when he read the account of his writing desk and other things he was ready to come in and further working out some day.

The holder of all the world's records from time to time will show the world that he is in the best of health and working hard as usual.

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