

HILLIES HELP CHICAGO CUBS GO OVER THE TOP OF M'GRAW'S GIANTS INTO FIRST PLACE

PHILS SOON WILL GIVE MCGAFFIGAN AND DAVIS TO THE NATIONAL ARMY

Pat's Future Greats Will Shoulder Musket, Not Seek Shelter Under Cover of Munitions Factory. Waiting for Boards to Call

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BEFORE the Phils leave on their second western jaunt Pat Moran will be minus the services of two of his future greats. Marty McGaffigan, the diminutive second-sacker and most recent home-run clutter, is about to be called in the draft, and Dixie Davis, one of Pat's most promising young pitchers, is in the same boat. These players expect to be called any time within the next two weeks, but they have nerve enough to shoulder a musket instead of signing with some shipyard. They will remain with the club until the official notification arrives.

McGaffigan, whose home is in Carlisle, Ill., is in Class 1-A, but his number is near the bottom of the list. He has been playing good baseball this year, both in the field and at bat, and his loss will be keenly felt. Harry Pearce, the local boy, will take his place. Davis comes from North Carolina and his number also is among the last in Class 1-A. Dixie is just getting into condition after his illness down South and was expected to turn in quite a few victories for the Phils this summer. His absence will leave another gaping hole in the pitching ranks.

These are the only Phil athletes eligible for war duty unless the "work or fight" order goes through. Thus the home club is in fairly good shape to weather the storm until next fall.

The work of McGaffigan has been the big surprise at Broad and Huntington streets. Snooks came here last year from the Vernon, Cal., club, but did not make much of a hit. He was shipped to Richmond in July and finished the season with that club. He worked under Otto Knabe, however, and picked up many valuable pointers about the second-basing job. When he reported to Moran at St. Petersburg this spring Pat noticed a big improvement in his play and thought so well of him that Niehoff was sold to St. Louis. Snooks has more than made good and will leave many friends behind him.

Enlisted Ball Players May Play in Big Leagues This Summer

NOW that the National League has given its permission to allow players in the service to play with their old clubs while on furlough, many of the stars given up as hopelessly lost will be seen in action this year. The Tender moguls did not come right out and say the men would be made welcome, nor did they appear to enthrone over the matter, but simply ruled that a man with permission from his commanding officer could get into the game on his off day provided his club was under the twenty-three player limit.

Offhand this does not seem to be a very important ruling, as many of the soldier players are miles and miles away from the home lot. However, there is a person named Grover Cleveland Alexander who now toils for the Chicago Cubs and there is a swell chance of seeing him dishing 'em over in a few games out in the Windy City. Alex is stationed at Camp Funston, Nebraska, which is a night's journey from Chicago. If he gets a furlough for a couple of days he can make the jump, pitch his game and get back in time for rollick.

Although Alex says he is going to war in a short time, no one can tell what will happen. He may not be ordered to depart before next fall.

It has been claimed that army duty does not help the pitchers, as they are unable to keep their hurling wings in condition. This was disproved, however, by Leon Cadore on Wednesday. The former Brooklyn flinger took off his soldier's suit, jumped into a Dodger uniform and proceeded to smother a defeat all over the St. Louis Cards. Leon was in swell shape, held the enemy to four hits and not a run was scored. That looks like real heating.

If Alexander is available the Cubs will be more formidable in the pennant chase. Five or six victories turned in by Big Pete will help some, as the other pitchers will have a chance to take a rest. Also, Spendthrift Weegman has a chance to get back some of that \$50,000 handed to the Phils last winter.

Phil Douglas Twirls Cubs Into First Place

PHIL DOUGLAS, rangy son of the South and toiler in the pay of the Weegman Chicago clan, pitched his way to a victory over the Phils yesterday and incidentally elevated his mates into the pace-setting position in the National League race. Twice the Cubs had a chance to annex first place this week, but on both occasions the Giants stubbornly resisted, winning out each time in the ninth inning. But the St. Louis Cards came to the rescue, trounced the Giants and put Mitchell and his boys in the lead. The Phils played good ball and Prendergast hurled an excellent game, but a couple of well-placed blows in the bleachers proved sufficient to decide the grapple. Former Morannen were the offensive heroes, Paskert and Killefer alone doing enough with the budgeon to clinch the engagement. Dode spent many summers in deep center, knew well the range of the bleachers and proceeded to locate this spot with a beautiful drive in the fourth frame.

In the ninth Bill Killefer came through with his third safety, a double, and completed the circuit on Douglas's single. These runs by one-time Phils were more than enough to win. This was the Cubs' fifth straight victory in the East.

Not much can be said for the work of the Phil hitters. Williams, McGaffigan and Pinch-hitter Fitzgerald were the only ones able to connect safely. Douglas was in great form and when the big fellow has control he is unshakable. Yesterday was one of his good days and the Cubs won. The Cubs presented a new face in the line-up, Hollocher, the former Coast infielder, holding down shortstop. This boy, who started on the links but ended by becoming a diamond laborer, lived up to advance notices and speared everything that came within reach. He performed brilliantly in the field and, while far from a demon with the war club, he handled himself with dignity at the plate.

Despite the close score the game was not a thrilling one. The pitching was of such a high-class nature that the batters found trouble in connecting freely and hard fielding chances were scarce. George Whitted was on hand ready to do his bit, but Moran was contented to let George work out with the boys and view the game from the bench.

Umpires and Managers Should Meet and Discuss Rules

BIG league umpires are having their troubles this season and daily scraps with the official guessers are becoming quite common. In Brooklyn Cy Rigler got in bad twice in as many days and two games were protested. The first was when Rig allowed a base runner to cut third after first touching the bag and the other was on a hit which was called fair, although it is said to have landed foul. There is some chance to settle the first argument, but Brooklyn is in bad in the second. Fair and foul balls are matters of judgment on the part of the umpires and no one can question the decision.

"It is hard to interpret some of the baseball rules," said Frank Bancroft, the veteran business manager of the Cincinnati Reds, the other day. "The managers are told one thing and the umpires another. Then when a play comes up the umpire gets in bad when he carries out the instructions handed him by the president of the league. Before each season all of the managers and umpires should meet with President Tinker and take up the rules, one by one, and interpret them so every one understands."

That early-season-meeting idea is a good one and should be followed by both leagues. It is done in football, and as a result there are few kicks during the season. Every fall before the opening games the officials and managers discuss the rules with Walter Camp and everything is made clear. Baseball is almost as complicated and should be given the same treatment.

It Sounded Like Levinsky to Him

WHEN Battling Levinsky, light heavyweight champion, was boxing instructor at Camp Devens he made frequent trips to Boston. One day, according to Sid Mercer, Danny Morgan, his manager, met the Battler, and they took a stroll through Boston Common. As they were hoofing it through the historic park Morgan encountered an old friend named Mulcahey. Mulcahey is about sixty and not very familiar with sporting topics. He has lived in Boston all his life and is thoroughly grounded in the belief that all deeds of valor are performed by sons of Erin.

"Dennis," said Morgan, "I know you admire a fighting man, so I'm going to introduce you to the best in the business. Shake hands with Mr. Levinsky."

"Excuse me, Danny, me by," replied the old man, "did ye say a foightin' man? I'm a bit hard uv hearin', so ye'll have to spake louder. What did ye say the name was?"

"Battling Levinsky," piped Dan in stentorian tones.

The old man looked at Dan and then at Dan. A puzzled expression spread over his features.

"Wance more, Danny," he requested, standing on tiptoe and cupping his ear with a big hand.

Morgan leaned down and shouted: "Battling Levinsky—LEVINSKY!"

The old man settled back on his heels with a gesture of disappointment.

"That's all right," he said, "but I can't get it. Sure it sounds like Levinsky to me!"

SOMEBODY IS ALWAYS TAKING THE JOY OUT OF LIFE



JOHNSON RAPS THE NATIONAL

Says American League Will Not Ask for Mileage Concession

Chicago, Ill., June 7. The American League will not second the National League's move to obtain special concession in the matter of railroad transportation for baseball teams when the new rates go into effect on June 10. On the contrary, President Johnson said yesterday his circuit was opposed to the idea of granting any such proposition to the Administration. "We are asking no favors," Mr. Johnson said, "except the privilege of keeping baseball alive, in some form or other, with a view to building on the foundations of an organization that will foster and promote a better sport than it has been possible to develop under the unwieldy methods by which baseball has been governed in the past. The time is ripe for reorganization and soon as the war is over I look for an early revival of the sport along new and better lines. "Meantime the National League is doing the game an injury in seeking special favors from the Government instead of seeking means to offset additional cost by curtailing unnecessary expenses and reducing the necessities to a minimum. "It is only in this, but in the conduct of its players on the field, the National League is doing irreparable damage to baseball. It is the National League, and not the American League, that is the cause of the Park on Decoration Day and witnessed one of the worst fluffings I ever saw on a ball field between Neale, of Cincinnati, and Killefer, of Chicago. Outside of the newspapers no attention was paid to it and both players have taken part in every game their teams have played since then. Before that Zimmerman and Mann had a mix-up on the same field and I understand the umpires did not even make a report of it. "Regarding the effect of Provost Marshal General Crowder's 'work-or-fight' order on professional baseball, President Johnson declined to express an opinion, but it was eloquently apparent from his pointing of plans for keeping the game alive during the duration of the war that he did not anticipate the Government would take all the available players in the country either into the army or into other occupations. "The minor leagues, even the strongest of them, will not survive the season, and some of them will not last beyond July in the opinion of President Johnson, but in the future of professional baseball as a sport and a public entertainment he expressed the utmost confidence."

Amateur Notes

Mt. Zion, last year's champions of the Dodge County Interclub League, are anxious to meet first-class home teams. Elmer Smith, 29 South Sixth street, Darby.

The Girard Reserves, a first-class traveling team, has June 22 and all of July open. George Stigel, 4023 North Elizabeth street.

Auburn A. C. would like to hear from first-class teams. Ed. Egan, 1007 Arizona street, or phone Diamond 6861.

Arvo A. A., a semi-professional traveling team, is arranging games in the West. June 15, July 4 (a. m.) and July 6. J. J. Dalley, 719 Delaware street, or phone 300 East Chelten avenue, or phone Germantown 1865.

Anchor Giants are without a game for June and also have several dates, including Sundays. Frank Robinson, 330 East Chelten avenue, or phone Germantown 1865.

Philmore has June 29 and all of July open for first-class home teams. Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware offering suitable inducement. J. Eberle, 1615 North Hope street, or phone Kensington 3791 between 6:30 and 8 p. m.

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Pringle Electric Manufacturing Company would like to arrange games with first-class teams. C. Stickleton, 1906 North Sixth street.

Germantown Travelers have June 8 open. George Wilkinson, 5041 Wade street, Germantown, or phone Manheim 3668.

Ozark A. A. has a few open dates for first-class traveling teams, and July 4 open for a first-class home team. W. Hines, 1333 North 56th street.

Bloomsburg Nine Victorious

Bloomsburg, Pa., June 7. — Bloomsburg nine yesterday defeated Jones in the 10th inning and with that inning Normal clinched the game over Ringtown.

Lebanon Valley, 9; Reading A. C., 8

Reading, Pa., June 7. — Lebanon Valley scored out Reading A. C. in the ninth inning of a closely contested game, won yesterday.

GEORGE WILEY TRIUMPHS OVER PERCY LAWRENCE

American Titleholder Loses Jimmy Hunter, His Pacemaker, on Thirty-eighth Mile—Speedy Vanderberry Has Narrow Escape

By PAUL PREP

"O. H. — Lawrence has lost his pace!"

This cry, uttered by a small and excited youngster perched on the edge of his seat at the front row of the Point Breeze Motorrome last night, and a second later caught up by several thousands of the spectators, well nigh grounded the fond hopes which the followers of Percy Lawrence were cherishing of seeing their favorite cash in for first money for the third time at the local track this season. The winner of the track this season, and sent the George Wiley rosters into a spasm of joy or something.

The small boy was correct in his unofficial announcement and Percy Lawrence, the present American forty-mile motorpaced champion, was riding alone on the wooden bowl, Jimmy Hunter, his pacemaker, was centering along more than a half a lap in front. Stunned by the realization that he had lost his pacemaker for the first time this season, Lawrence took a firmer toe hold on the pedals, gripped the handle bars firmer and continued on his way, determined to more than make up for the unfortunate accident.

Meanwhile Jimmy Hunter was speeding around the track muttering words to himself and the unconscious wheel, Norman Anderson and George Wiley also were going around the wooden way, but at a greater clip, and the flame of victory burned high in their breasts as they passed the unfortunate Lawrence on their ride to victory and \$600.

It was the thirty-eighth mile of the specially arranged forty-mile motorpaced race and Percy Lawrence and peerless Jimmy Hunter were riding in great shape and reducing Wiley's lead at every turn of the wheels. They had started their sensational sprint over, and their rival's lead on the thirty-eighth mile when forty yards in the rear. Slowly but surely they crept up, Wiley started their sensational sprint over, and their rival's lead on the thirty-eighth mile when forty yards in the rear. Slowly but surely they crept up, Wiley started their sensational sprint over, and their rival's lead on the thirty-eighth mile when forty yards in the rear.

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Even after Hunter had caught up to Lawrence again Percy was so anxious to set sail for the flying Wiley that he couldn't get going properly and lost another half lap, giving Wiley a lap and a half advantage with but a mile and a half to go. With this lead Wiley started their sensational sprint over, and their rival's lead on the thirty-eighth mile when forty yards in the rear. Slowly but surely they crept up, Wiley started their sensational sprint over, and their rival's lead on the thirty-eighth mile when forty yards in the rear.

Wiley Rode Great Race

The veteran, Wiley, paced by the rapidly rising Norman Anderson, rode a fine race and a defeat would have been a terrific jolt. He took the lead from Lawrence at the beginning of the twenty-eighth mile. At first his advantage was slight, never more than fifteen yards.

PENN TRACKMEN HONOR HAYMOND

Intercollegiate 220-Yard Champion Is Elected Captain for 1919

The Pennsylvania track team paid a neat tribute to William Creed Haymond last night at Kuzler's when it elected him captain of the cinder path aggregation for the season of 1918. The balloting took place at a banquet which was given by Murdock Kendrick, the chairman of the track committee.

Haymond won the 220-yard dash in the intercollegiate championships which were held at Franklin Field last Saturday. He ran the distance in twenty-one and three-fifths seconds, which is only two-fifths of a second slower than the world's record. In capturing the crown he beat Frank Shea, of Pittsburgh, one of the most renowned runners in the country today.

Haymond is the first intercollegiate furlong titleholder that the Red and Blue has had since the days of Don Lippincott, who won the 220 in 1912. The former Episcopal Academy star, who is now an ensign in the navy, covered the furlong in the remarkably fast time of twenty-one and one-fifth seconds, which is the best figure for the event.

The newly elected captain entered Penn in the fall of 1915. He dropped out of college for one year, and then came back to the University last September. He is a second-year student in the dental school, and is slated to graduate in June, 1919. He is a native of Utah.

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PHILMONT WILL HOLD ITS ANNUAL FRIDOLYN CUP TOURNEY SATURDAY, JUNE 15

One Hundred and Sixty Competed Last Year in Mixed Foursome Event and Club Hopes to Break This Record

By WILLIAM H. EVANS

THE Philmont Country Club will hold its third annual contest for the Fridolyn Cup on Saturday, June 15. It is a mixed foursome event and play will consist of eighteen holes at medal play with selective drives from each tee. Winners of the low gross and low net will receive medals and a sum of money equal to what would have been expended for cups will be given to the War Chest in the names of the winners. The club from which is entered the returning low net score will hold the Fridolyn Cup until the next annual competition.

There is only stipulation, and that is that, while the competition is open to all golfers who are members of clubs belonging to the Golf Association of Philadelphia, participants must enter in couples having membership in the same club. The privilege of the course is extended to all entrants for one week preceding the tournament. Entries, giving names of players and clubs, should be sent to Henry Strouse, chairman tournament committee, 1314 Real Estate Trust Building as early as possible.

The event last year resulted in a tie between Miss C. D. McVay and Fred W. Knight, of the Aronimink Country Club, and Miss Catherine Hutchinson and George W. Hoffer, of the Woodbury Country Club, with net scores of seventy-five. The entry last year was made up of eighty couples, and it is expected that as large a list will enter the field this year. It is one of the very few events that are played on a Saturday.

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Columbia, S. C., June 7. — A big athletic looking soldier was invited to participate in a company baseball game at Camp Johnston. "Because he looked like he could pitch," the invitation was received, he struck out twenty-five batters, committed no errors, and was distinguished himself by hitting a home run in the ninth.

After the game the young man admitted that he was Rube Benton, New York. He had been in the army for some time and had just made his way back to camp Johnston last week in uniform. He had not made his identity known to his comrades until after the ball game.