ON SPRING FORM THE DODGERS LOOK LIKE NATIONAL LEAGUE SECOND DIVISION FIXTURES

DAUBERT'S PASSING FINDS ROBINS WEAK AROUND FIRST BASE

Unless Robinson Discovers Capable Substitute for Veteran. Brooklyn Will Enter Race Badly Weakened. Looks Like Sure Second Division Candidate

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Jacksonville, Fla., March 31. UNLESS Wilbert Robinson, aided and abetted by Charles Holiday Ebbets, digs up a real big-league first baseman between now and the opening game of the season, the Brooklyn baseball club will resemble a tinhenry trying to climb a tree while breathing through only one nostril. That initial sack at present is the weakest spot on the team, and Robby is losing weight in a frantic effort to find some one to plug the hole, Jimmy Johnson, the outfielder, and a kid named Brazill are working on the job, but neither has shown much class. Perhaps Mr. Ebbets perpetrated a boner when he attached the tinware to Jake Daubert. Who can

But a little thing like that is not worrying our Uncle Robby. The round manager is just bubbling over with enthusiasm, to say nothing of optimism, and predicts he will have a ball club which will finish in the first division. We agree with the Brooklyn boss about finishing, but looking over the array of talent can see nothing but fifth or sixth place in the second division. The Dodgers cannot possibly finish lower than the

There are four good clubs in the National League," explained Robinson, "and we will oust one of them from the first division. I don't know which one it will be and don't care. But you can take it from me that either Chicago, New York, Cincinnati or Pittsburgh will make room for us in the select set.

While we are weak in a couple of spots, I believe we will have men to fill them in a week or so. We need a first baseman and a shortstop, but the first-named job will be the hardest to fill. However, I should be able to pick a successor to Daubert from the gang of kids now trying for

66 PLANNED to use Mitchell, but he still is in the service. Johnson is too small, and Brazill lacks experience. There is a hig pitcher named Heitman with the club, and I will give him a tryout before we leave for the North."

Deal for Del Gainer Falls Through

ROBBY tried hard to arrange a deal with the Boston Red Sox for Del Gainer, but could make no headway. Barrow wants Del as a substitute first baseman, extra outfielder and pinch-hitter. There also has been some talk of lifting Fred Luderus from the Phillies if a satisfactory trade can be put through. However, this is only talk, and the fact remains that Brooklyn is shy a first baseman and must get busy and grab one

The infield is nothing to rave about, for only one position is suitably filled. Ray Schmandt, who broke in at second base last year and played a great game before going into the army, is back on the job, while O'Mara and Ivy Olson, a pair of veterans, who have slowed up considerably, are trying for third and short, respectively. Billy Kopf, who was obtained from Cincinnati in the Daubert deal, is a holdout and will not play unless he receives a well-uphoistered salary. He asks a couple of thousand more than he was offered and has a swell chance of getting it from Ebbets-not.

Chunk Ward, the regular third sacker, is in France and no one knows when he will return. His presence would add considerable strength to the infield.

In all training camps there always are two or three youthful phenoms who look as if they would burn up the league and make Ty Cobb run for the bushes when they got going. This place is no exception, and Robby has two of the best-looking kids we have seen in some time. Joe Neagle has every appearance of a high-class third baseman, and Lew Malone works well at short. They already have attracted lots of attention, and if they come through, part of Robinson's worries will be over-

Neagle is twenty-three years old, a native of Chicago and played with the Winnipeg club in 1917. Last year he was in the army, where he played a wonderful game. He is exceptionally fast, fields his position well and is a fair hitter. Of course, everybody hits the ball now, but Neagle has the earmarks of a good batter. He will be used in all of the practice games. Lew Malone played with the Athletics in 1916, but was shipped to St.

Paul because of his poor stick work. He was signed by Brooklyn the next year, but did not remain very long. Last year he was in the army.

LEW is a smooth helder, throws well and ranks with the best. He must improve his batting, however, if he hopes to gain a regular berth. . . .

Robby Has Six High-Class Pitchers

WHERE Brooklyn will shine this year is in the outfield and the pitching department. There are six highclass hurlers in Big Ed Pfeffer, Leon Cadore, Burleigh Grimes, Rube Marquard, Al Mamaux and Larry Cheney, with Sherrod Smith still to be heard from. Sherry at present is sergeanting in France, but hopes to be with us soon.

Cadore is looked upon as a top-notcher because of his work last year. He was in the army, but came back on a furlough and won two games in three days for Brooklyn. Grimes won ten straight last season and is working his head off to beat that record. Chency is a trifle old, but his spitter is working well and he has lots of speed. Marquard looks the same as ever. Funny thing about this actor athlete-you never can tell what he will do. He may have a good season and again he may not. But he is working hard and is in good physical condition.

Al Mamaux says he is in better shape than ever before; his arm is giving him no trouble and he will be making good while taking his regular turn in the box. Al says so himself, which means he has quite a little confidence in his own ability. He has been on the downgrade for three years and admits it is time to travel in the other direction.

THE pitching staff is Brooklyn's only hope. If the hurlers come through as they should, the Dodgers will cause some trouble. If not, well, there always must be a couple of tail-end clubs.

Strong Guard in Brooklyn Outfield

NOTHING can be said about the outfield—not even a mild slam. With Cap'n Zach Wheat, Myers and Tom Griffith in the far pasture. Robby's outposts are well taken care of. Hickman also will be available, as will Jimmy Johnson, after it is discovered he is not a first baseman.

Griffith is a welcome addition to the squad, for Brooklyn has not had a good sun-fielder since Casey Stengel was shunted to Pittsburgh. Tom also came from Cincinnati in the Daubert transaction and already has einched his job. His fielding is good and he is no slouch of a hitter. Wheat virtually led the league last year in batting, and Myers is a consistent

The catchers are Miller, Kreuger, Mack Wheat and Jack Snyder. with the first two having the best chance to stick through the season. Brooklyn is practicing in the west end of town on Barr's Field. once used by the Athletics. Two practices are held daily-a hard workout in the morning and a short game between two picked teams in the after-

noon. Here is the squad: Pfeffer, Cadore, Grimes, Mamaux, Marquard and Cheney, pitchers; Miller, Kreuger, M. Wheat and Snyder, catchers; Johnson, and Frank Brazill. of Franklin, Pa., first base; Schmandt, second base; Olson, Malone and Sheridan, a Brooklyn semipro, shortstop; O'Mara and Neagle, third base; Z. Wheat, Myers, Griffith and Hickman, outfielders.

BROOKLYN should not be considered seriously in the pennant race this year. The pitching staff is exceptionally good, the outfield is high class, but that let's them out. Fifth or sixth place will be as good as they can possibly hope for.

Zack Wheat to Report Soon

INCLE WILBERT ROBINSON left the Dodgers flat last night and, accompanied by Cap Huston, hit the trial for Dover Hall and a day's

Hy Myers's reporting gives Uncle Robbie two-thirds of his regular cutfield. Zach Wheat, it is expected, will show up before the week-end, though he was excused by Uncle Robbie until next Saturday. In a letter to Brother Mack Wheat, Zach hints that he is chafing to baseball regalia and may leave his spring planting and get here a few ave earlier than expected.

RAY SUHMANDT did a particularly pretty piece of backing up in the fourth inning of the fracas with the Yankees. Sensing out a wild throw by Krueger, he got to first in time to scoop up a at had bounced past Adams. Ray finished up with an nd whip to Olsen that natical the fleet Vick at second.

WHEN A FELLER NEEDS A FRIEND



JOEY FOX WINS OVER REESE, BUT FAILS TO PLEASE

English Feather's Infighting Unpopular at National-Williamson Draws With Leonard

Joey Fox furned in his third consecuive victory when he defeated Freddy Reese at the National on Saturday night, but the conquest was far from one that eased. Fox's tactics did not please and pleased. Fox stactice did not pietase and his work was anything but sensational. Fox strict two showings, those against Young Robbleau and Louisiana, were sufficient to show that he had the class.

By LAMES S. CAROLAN but it remained for Reese to prove that Fox is a fair infighter, but most inferior

Kilbane Arrives Early

Champion Observes Sab- Soldier in Germany bath When He Finds Gymnasiums Closed and Strolls Only in Park

By JAMES S. CAROLAN

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SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS

Another boxing club will throw open its door on April 17, when the Williams A. C. will stage its inaugural program Marcue will be incorrect to make it interesting for the Labor Lyceum. Sixth and Brown streets into the new stems. The new club has accommodations for 1800.

Chancy and Reese will feature the April 12 show at the National. The other boats present Young Channey vs. Charley Beecher. Young McFarland vs. Willie Hannes Liest to card.

Joe Borrell, the Kensington middleweight will be the wind-up performer at the Pennages of the Pennages o

Joe Borrell, the Kensington middleweight will be the wind-up performer at the Penns-grove A. C. on the night of April 14. He will oppose Harry Baker.

On April 16 Joe Burman will be in the National window, probably against Pater Jonneon. Battling Murray vs. Johnny Rostor, Max Williamson vs. Bobby Boyle and Dohnny Myboney. vs. Cal Delaney will be on the same program.

Ask Britton and Benny Leonard are likely to entertain in Newark soon. Days Markey, the Newark promoter, is said to have made on a offer of \$8000, but Britton insign on a percentage, said to be one-third of the receipts.

Artie O'Leary has drawn the assignment of oppose Johnny Kitkane at the National in Saturday night. This will be O'Leary's rist start against a champion, but he hopes of make it interesting for the Cleveland ov. If Kithane trounces Mealy tonight, he secratin to pack the National against Cleary.

Assistant Matchmaker Jakey Friedman in Granged a very good program to support

o make it interesting for the Cleveland boy. If Kilbane trounces Mealy tonight, he is certain to pack the National against o Leary.

Johnny Weigast, brother of the former champion now a Lancaster middleweight, will be seen in the National semiwindus against Sallor Eddie Trembley, Dava Meter, the sensational New York boy, will appear in the third bout against Gussie Lewis, Billy Hines vs. Young Buck Pieming and Jack Lester vs. Jimmy Mendo complete the National program.

Joe Berman, the Chicage Santam and continual challenger, will ashibit in the main son faces Eddie Clark.

Invents a Baseball

You cannot cheat an American order out of his baseball, even if he has to make his own supplies. A company of soldiers now on German soil suddenly discovered that their supply of baseballs had run out. For awhile it appeared as if there would be no baseball un til a new supply arrived.

However, one ingenious soldier got a cork from a wine bottle, unwound the worsted from one of his

Penn Gets Wrestling Meet

State College, Pa., March 31.—At needing of the Intercollegiate Wrestling As position Saturday, it was decided to hold be championables next year at the University of Pennsylvania.

For the first time on record Kilbane But the Kilbane of today is a much different boy than the one who so silently crawled into the Quaker City battle. He spent a week here working just three weeks ago. Kilbane felt for the hid Williams and Benny Leonwhat caused him real pain was the resuit of the Root-Brown session in which Root was the winner.

Wolfe the Surprise

JOHNNY TILLMAN and Irish Palsy
J Cline finally have been matched.
After three weeks of negotiations, the
rival managers agreed upon terms and
the boys will come together at the National on the night of April 26. This announcement was made by Matchmaker
Jack Hanlon, of the National, this
morning.

Clines last hattle resulted in a threeround knockout over the crafty Locimort Jack Hanlon, of the National and other hand other hand other hand other hand of the sees Rilly Hill in Youngstown tomorrow
had a night. Cline now is a full fledged
welter and should make it interesting for
the 142 pounders. Cline and Tillman
met twice in this city and both battles
were thrilling affairs.
Tillman's next start will be against
Walter Mohr in Atlantic City Thursday
night.

Kilbane and Mealy will have a good submorting card at the Olymnia this evening.
Freddy Resse, the boy who showed so well
against Joy Fox Saturdsy help, will go
long Joung, and John the Common and the interalided tournament in
Joung J

MASS. GOLF RATINGS Francis Ouimet Heads List With Plus Two

Boston, March 31.-There will be no change in the ratings of the Massachusetta Golf Association this year for players who a year ago were inten up to four strokes, except in the case of John H. Sullivan, Jr., of the Commonwealth Club, reinstated by the U. S. G. A. Sullivan will play from the four handi

Sullivan will play from the four handicap mark.
Francis Ouimet will have his old place at the head of the list of plus two. Jesse Guilford remains at scratch. Rodney W. Brown, Ray Gorton, W. C. Chick and Parker W. Whittemore are at one stroke. Fred J. Wright. Jr., of Albemarle, and R. B. Estabrook are at two; L. P. Patton and R. de Z. Pierce at three, while the four men are Percival Gilbert. F. C. Newton, J. H. Sullivan, Jr., Henry H. Wilder, T. M. Clafin and Hamilton K. Kerr.

OTHER SPORTS ON PAGE 19

"PECK-PRATT-PIPP" REAL DOUBLE-PLAY REFRAIN THAT WINS Local Star Will Not Default

"Dolan to Doolan to Dooin" Was Good, but the Ping to "Peck to Pratt to Pipp" Is the Alcoholic Test, Sings Grantland Rice

By GRANTLAND RICE

The Refrain Incarnate was doubled out, from Peckinpaugh to Pratt to Pipp.")

> "From Peckinpaugh to Pratt to Pipp"-So let the rushing rhythm rip-A melody that seems to skip In lyric essence from the lip-As scabirds dart and dive and dip, Or flowing breakers foam and flip Or eke some amouthly gliding ship Where corals gleam and mermaids strip, That never seems to reel or trip, Or dancer, swaying from the hip On to the toe's exultant tip, A honeyed phrase that has the nip Of nectar which the wild bees sip; What paragrapher's nimble quip Has ever held a keener grip? A phrase that lashes like a whip, Or snaps off with a sudden clip. A worthy phrase for Ruddy Kip In cudless swing of zest and zip-"From Peckinpaugh to Pratt to Pipp."

So we might romp along all day Anent this famous double play,

Or we might weave another song, But life is short, though art is long.

Or we might have another try, But this is all that might get by.

The Alcoholic Test With Those Yankees THERE is still considerable discussion here and there as to when a man is intoxicated.

Here, at last, is the perfect and ultimate test. Let Ping Bodie, on the same club, become involved in a double play with the trio named above. The result would be as follows, "From Ping to Peck to Pratt to Pipp." Any one who can rattle this phrase off without a kink is reasonably sober, There are two rival double-play refrains to the above. The first is the celebrated "From Tinker to Evers to Chance," sent speeding on to renown

by the lyrical pen of Dr. Franklin P. Adams, The other was a Philadelphia roundelay of some years back, "From Delan to Doelan to Deein."

THEY are both worthy rivals. But for the good, or not so good, year 1919, "From Peckinpaugh to Peck to Pipp" will take a fair amount of beating before it gives way to another entry.

Alexander, in Pitching, Overshadows Ruth

AN EXCITED bystander wants to know if Alexander is worth or draws down \$15,000 a year, why Babe Ruth isn't worth an equal amount.

for Battle With Mealy is a highly valuable citizen in the realm of baseball. He can outbat Alexander three to one and a country. This is another of those arguments that start little but trouble. Buth ander three to one and a quarter. But as pitching goes, Alex maintains

Ruth, as we hazily recall the vital statistics, has yet to win thirty games in any one season. Whereas Alexander in his last three years not counting 1918, where he worked in only two games-piled up a total around 100 victories, an average better than thirty to a campaign.

It may be that for 1919 Ruth will outpoint the Cub star. But a man is rated by the amount he has delivered, not by a future comput that may or may not develop.

ST how inhaling the Joggy breezes of the Rhine will affect Alexander is a matter to be taken up by the box scores that are still unborn. But on past performance the old Philly premier is

The Blessed Isle

I trouder in what isle of bliss (As some one's said before) We'llshear about the putts they miss-The casy putts-no more? Where we will never have to duck The story of some unkempt luck Where some wild galfer runs amuck And ends-The Perfect Bore?

I wonder in what Blessed Isle-Some Isle of perfect play-They'll never try to change our style Nor say we shouldn't sway; Where alibis are out of date, And every shot we make is great, And only pars are on the state Oh, take me there today!

Hagen, Hutchinson and Barnes will lead the pro osslaught this season, against Evans, Ouimet and Travers, heading the amateurs. As recorded before, the amateurs have won three of the last four open championships, but against such keen competition as they now face the odds at Braeburn will be against them.

Where there are three and possibly four amateurs who have a chance to win, there are at least eight or ten pros who may step into the running at any moment, including, in addition to the three named, such men as McNamara, Brady, Nichols, etc.

Evans, finishing only one stroke back of Hagen in 1914 and then winning both titles in 1916, has shown, however, the formidable strength With Francis Ouimet and Jerry Travers to back up the 1919 offensive

the amateurs, despite the odds against them, may still keep the line un-CODAT MORAN never has finished worse than second as a major

I league manager." But Pat, as good as he has been and still is, never has piloted the Reds before. More than one able leader has had a tidy record badly wrecked against this barricade.

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TILDEN TO PLAY FOUR MATCHES

in National Indoor Championship

WILL PLAY VOSHELL

By ROBERT T. PAUL

Bill Tilden, the tennis player extraordinary of this city, will not default in the singles of the national indoor champlanship tournament now being conducted on the courts of the Seventh Regi-ment Armory, New York

A report was circulated that the local A report was cisculated that the local star, runner-up to R. Lindley Murray for the outdoor crown last fail, would drop out of the present teurney because he had been told that it would be necessary for him to play two singles and two doubles matches tomorrow, one of which would be with Howard Voshell, the present indoor titleholder.

Going Back Tomorrow

"No. I am not going to default," said Tilden this morning, when seen at Wanamaker's, "I am going back to New York and will play the four matches if it is possible to do so under the arrangements of the armory and also of

the committee.
"I am scheduled to play Leonard Beekman, the former interscholastic and intercollegiate champion, at 9:45 tomorrow morning. As I have two doubles matches to play in the afternoon. I am anxious to meet Howard Voshell in anxious to meet Howard Voshell in fourth round right after my match with Beekman, providing, of course, I win. But Voshell is booked for a third round match at I o'clock, and I may have to wait until late in the afternoon to play him. Three hard matches in a few hours seems impossible."

Would Rather Play Voshell

The trouble between Tilden and the committee arose over the scheduling of the match between the local player and young Beekman. Tilden and Beekman each won two matches on Saturday. Tilden asked Beekman to play their Tilden asked Beekman to play their third-round match Saturday afternoon. Beekman declined, saying he had played sufficient for one day. But shortly after-ward he played two sets with Howard Verball.

As Beekman said he couldn't play today and it is impossible for Tilden to be in New York on Wednesday, Tilden be in New York on Wednesday, Liden asked the former Princeton champion to play yesterday. Beekman was unable to do so, thus making it necessary for Tilden to play four matches

MANY AFTER TITLE

240 Entries Received for North and South Tourney

Pinehurst, N. C., March 31.—A record field of over 240 players will take part in the North and South amateur cham-pionships tournament, which opens here today with the playing of the first eigh-teen holes of the thirty-six hole quali-fying round.



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