

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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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 tin snare 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.

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 the team."

"I PLANNED to use Mitchell, but he still is in the service, Johnson is too small, and Brazill lacks experience. There is a big 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.

The infield is nothing to rave about, for only one position is suitably filled. Ray Schmidt, 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 slumped up considerably, are trying for third and short, respectively.

LEW is a smooth fielder, throws well and works 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—principally the pitching department. There are six high-class 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 sequestered in France, but hopes to be with us soon.

Cadore is looked upon as a top-notch hurler 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 hand off to beat that record.

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.

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-finder since Casey Stengel was slung to Pittsburgh. Tom also came from Cincinnati in the Daubert transaction and already has cinched his job. His fielding is good and he is no slouch of a hitter.

BRUCKLYN 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.

Zach Wheat to Report Soon

UNCLE WILBERT ROBINSON left the Dodgers last night and, accompanied by Cap Houston, hit the trail for Dover Hall and a day's fishing.

Myer's reporting gives Uncle Robby two-thirds of his regular outfield. Zach Wheat, it is expected, will show up about the week-end, although he was accused by Uncle Robby until next Saturday.

RAY SCHMIDT 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 ball that had bounced past Adams. Ray finished up with an underhand bounce to Olson that suited the feet of the 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 turned in his third consecutive victory when he defeated Freddy Reese at the National on Saturday night, but the conquest was far from one that pleased.

Only in the clinches was there any work. Reese, Frank O'Brien had a busy night on the heavy side of the scale. Reese suffered severely in the close-range exchanges, tasting many uppercuts and backhand blows.

The real battle of the evening was the sensational battle between Max Williamson and Battling Leonard. Williamson, taking the engagement on an hour's notice, made such a thrilling finish that he earned an even break.

Penn Gets Wrestling Meet State College, Pa., March 31.—At a busy night of intercollegiate wrestling, the Pennsylvania State Wrestling Association Saturday night was held in the University gymnasium.

SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS

JOHNNY TILLMAN and Irish Patky (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 22.

Another boxing club will throw open its doors to the Williams A. C. on Friday night. This will be the inaugural program. Marous Williams will present Young Tommy, Jimmy Johnson, and Bobby Moore.

Cheney and Reese will feature the April 12 show at the National. The other bouts present Young Tommie, Willie Harrison, Lieutenant Sherry, Joe Marks and Joe Cheney vs. Billy Gaumn.

In April 18 Joe Burman will be in the National wind-up, probably against Patky Johnson. Battling Murray vs. Johnny Rooster, Max Williamson vs. Bobby Moore and Johnny Mahoney vs. Cal Delaney will be on the same program.

Artie O'Leary has drawn the assignment to oppose Johnny Kilbane at the National on Saturday night. This will be O'Leary's last fight against a champion, but he hopes to make it interesting for the Cleveland boys. If Kilbane makes the fight, it will be a pack the National against O'Leary.

Johnny Wolcott, brother of the former champion, now a Lancaster, middleweight, will be seen in the National semi-final against Sallo. The semi-final will be between the sensational New York boy, who will appear in the third bout against Gusie Lewis. Roy Hines vs. Young Buck Fleming and Jack Lester vs. Jimmy Menzo complete the National program.

Joe Burman, the boxing champion and real challenge, will exhibit in the main event faces Eddie Clark.

Kilbane Arrives Early for Battle With Mealy

Champion Observes Sabbath When He Finds Gymnasiums Closed and Strolls Only in Park

For the first time in a record Kilbane reached this city one day in advance for what he always termed an "ordinary" battle. He spent a week here working for the Kid Williams and Benny Leonard.

Wolfe the Surprise A little fellow by the name of Jack Wolfe, a very clever bantam, has been working with Kilbane for a number of seasons. Not so very long ago Wolfe wanted a nice little living to do.

Kilbane's scheduled fourth fight since staging his comeback will be staged in London before leaving, now is out of the navy and searching for more trouble. Delaney accompanied Kilbane, who wants to engage the best lightweights here. He even suggested Young Tender.

Battling Murray will be the wind-up on the program at the Williams A. C. on Friday night. Jack Ellis, the clever New York, will be imported to make it interesting for Murray. Kewpie Callender and Young Mealy will be seen in a return battle in the semi-final.

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

Jack Britton and Benny Leonard are likely to entertain in Newark soon. Dago Marous, the Newark promoter, is said to have made Britton an offer of \$8000, but Britton insists on a percentage, said to be one-third of the receipts.

Henry Leonard's next bout will be in Pittsburgh one week from tonight, when he squares Jack Terry, the boy who started the limit with Jack Britton one week ago.

Assistant Matchmaker Jakey Friedman has arranged a very good program for the National on Saturday night. The program will be: Max Williamson vs. Bobby Moore and Johnny Mahoney vs. Cal Delaney will be on the same program.

Max Williamson and Willie Roemer meet in the semi-final of the "Tillman-Moer" battle at the Atlantic City sports club Thursday night. In the other bouts Howard Jackson meets Johnny Walsh and City Hoback.

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"PECK-PRATT-PIPP" REAL DOUBLE-PLAY REFRAIN THAT WINS

"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 seabirds dart and dive and dip, Or flowing breakers foam and flip, Or eke some smoothly gliding ship, Where corals gleam and mermaids trip, That never seems to reel or trip, Or dancer, swooping from the hip, On to the top's caudant lip, A homaged phrase that has the nip, Of nectar which the wild bees sip; What paragraph'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 Zesty Kip, In endless swing of rest and zip— "From Peckinpaugh to Pratt to Pipp."

So we might romp along all day, Ament 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."

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 Dolan to Doolan to Dooin."

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 \$15,000 a year, why Babe Ruth isn't worth an equal amount.

This is another of those arguments that start little but trouble. Ruth is a highly valuable citizen in the realm of baseball. He can trouble Alexander three to one and a quarter. But as pitching goes, Alex maintains the edge.

Ruth, as we lazily 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 outpitch the Cub star. But a man is rated by the amount he has delivered, not by a future output that may or may not develop.

The Blessed Isle

I wonder in what Isle of bliss (As some one's said before) We'd have about the puts they miss— The easy puts—no more?

Where we will never have to duck, Where some wild gaffer 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 stay;

Where allis are out of date, And every shot we make is great, And only pars are on the slate— Oh, take me there today!

HAGEN, Hutchinson and Barnes will lead the pro onslaught this season, against Evans, Guimet 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.

Evans, finishing only one stroke back of Hagen in 1914 and then winning both titles in 1916, has shown, however, the formidable strength of the amateur entry.

With Francis Guimet and Jerry Travers to back up the 1919 offensive, the amateurs, despite the odds against them, may still keep the line unbroken.

"PAT MORAN never has finished worse than second as a major 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. (Copyright, 1919, all rights reserved.)

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TILDEN TO PLAY FOUR MATCHES

Local Star Will Not Default 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 championship tournament now being conducted on the courts of the Seventh Regiment Armory, New York.

A report was circulated that the local star, runner-up to R. Lindley Murray for the outdoor crown last fall, would drop out of the present tourney because he had been told that it would be necessary for him to play two singles and two doubles matches tomorrow, at 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 Wannamaker'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 intercollegiate 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 fourth round right after my match with Beekman, providing, of course, I win. But Voshell is booked for a third round match at 1 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 third-round match in the afternoon. Beekman declined, saying he had played sufficient for one day. But shortly afterward he played two sets with Howard Voshell.

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

MANY AFTER TITLE 20 Entries Received for North and South Tourney

Philadelphia, N. C., March 31.—A record field of over 240 players will take part in the North and South amateur championships tournament, which opens today with the playing of the first eighteen holes of the thirty-six hole qualifying round.

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