

AS LONG AS GAVVY CRAVATH CAN WIELD THE ASH, HIS RIGHT FIELD JOB IS IN NO DANGER

CRAVATH SOAKS FOUR HITS, SCORES 3 RUNS IN PHILS' FIRST WIN

Veteran Slugger Celebrates Initial Appearance as a Regular by Staging Field Day—Frank Woodward Pitches Great Game After Oeschger Is Chased

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GAVVY CRAVATH is in again. The veteran slugger flopped into the box score yesterday, put in a good day's work and whiffed away his time in seeing how far he could hit the ball...

First Inning—With one out and two men on base, Gavy soaked a double into right field, one run coming home. He scored later on Baird's single. Third Inning—Opened with a two-bagger to right, but perished on the sack when his pals fell down on the job.

GAVVY'S slugging, coupled with some high-class pitching by Frank Merrivell Woodward, made things pleasant and enjoyable for the fans and allowed the home folks to break into the victory class.

Gavy Cannot Qualify for Job on the Bench

FOR the last three years Cravath has been slated for bench duty, but always for in with a flock of hits at an opportune time and spends the rest of the season as the regular right fielder.

It happened that Bancroft and Paskert singled and Stock sacrificed, placing the runners on second and third in the first inning. Cooper walked up to the plate, swinging three bats, and Pat Moran suddenly had an idea.

Last year Cravath again was counted out before the season opened. Fitzgerald was brought on from the coast to play right field, but his arm was weak and again Gavy went through the summer as a regular.

Now the usual thing has happened. Leo Callahan, who was coached by Cravath to play right field, is likely to be a spectator most of the time if the veteran continues on his wild career.

Gavy is playing his seventeenth year of baseball and always has hit his way into a regular job. In 1903 when he joined the Los Angeles club he hit a homer the very first day and made the varsity.

CRAVATH hit one into the left-field bleachers for a homer, tying the score. The next day he made another homer off Marquard, and has been a regular ever since.

Has Knocked 206 Home Runs Since 1903

THE famous fence-buster has established a record for circuit clouters, having a total of 206 since 1903. He has whalloped 107 in his major league career, 105 since joining the Phils. He also holds the modern league record with twenty-four homers in one season.

Gavy leads the National circuit in driving in runs, with a total of 129, made in 1913. At present he is one of the best drawing cards in the league and apparently is good for several more years of baseball.

Another brilliant performer yesterday was Woodward, the kid curver from New Haven, Conn., and other points East. Woody relieved Joe Oeschger in the fifth after the Giants had registered five runs, and held the enemy scoreless until the final bell.

Woodward looks like a good pitcher, which speaks well for the judgment of Coombs. Jack was strong for the kid the first day he worked in Charlotte, and predicted he would be one of the best twirlers in the league in a couple of years.

Doug Baird played a swell game at third, making two wonderful stops when his meant runs. In the sixth he fished Young's vicious grounder and forced Burns at second, and in the ninth robbed Zimmerman of a hit.

COOMBS showed excellent judgment in changing his batting order and dropping Meusel to seventh. Irish came up at a critical stage in the fifth, drove in a run and scored later himself. Harry Pearce did well in the lead-off position.

Giants Are Shy High-Class Pitchers

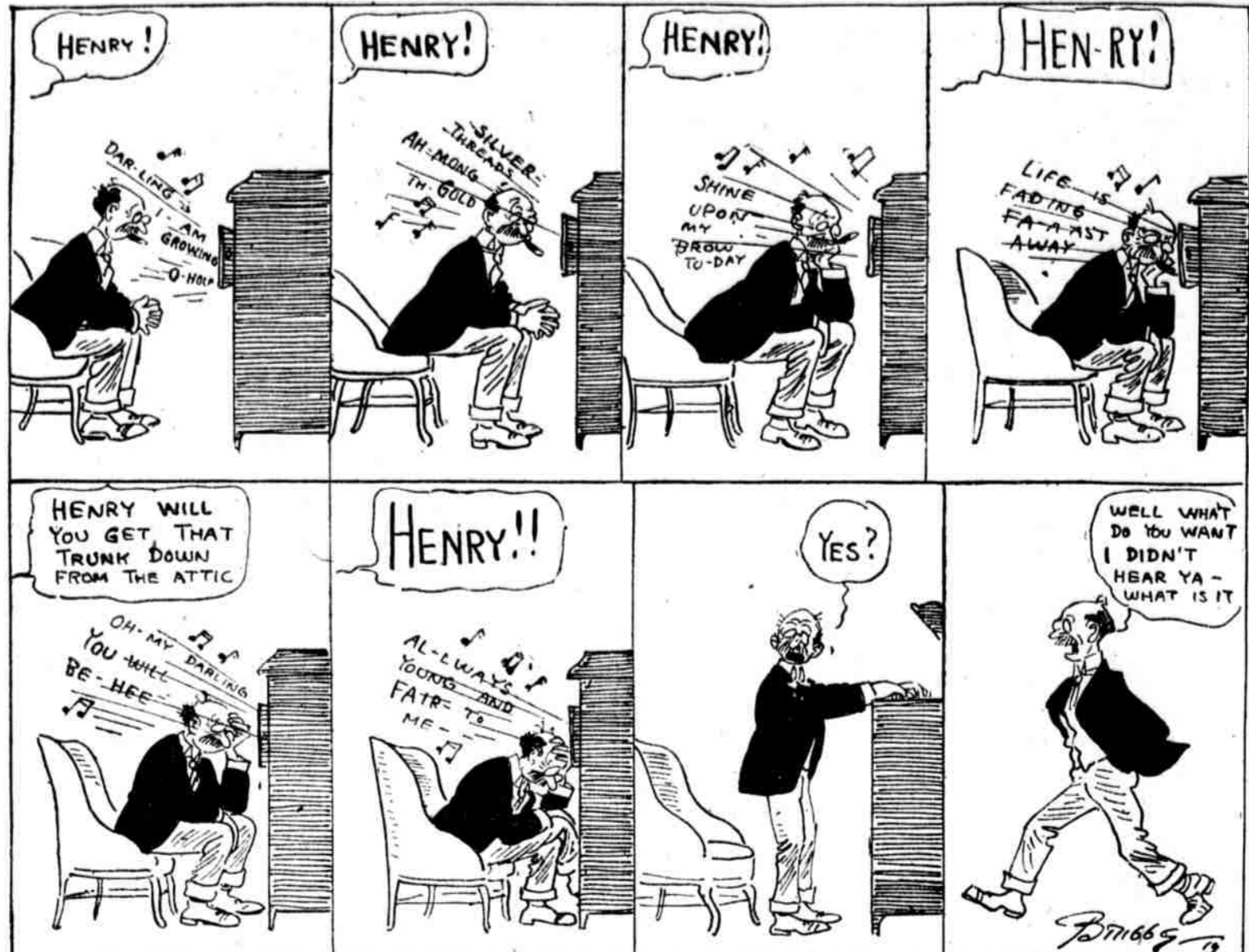
NEW YORK did not have the pitching yesterday, and as a result the club did not look like a pennant-winning aggregation. They made eleven hits and five runs, but the moundmen couldn't check the Phils.

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Athletics Win After Twenty-six Long Innings

IT TOOK the A's twenty-six innings to win their first ball game, which proves Connie has a gang of sticklers on his payroll. Yesterday another thirteen-inning drama was staged down in Washington.

A HANDY MAN AROUND THE HOUSE



Ben Tincup Wanted to Be Sure of One Job

Louisville, Ky., April 25.—Pitcher Ben Tincup, formerly with the Philadelphia Nationals, reported to the Louisville American Association Club today.

NEW JOB FOR CASTLE

Johnny Castle, the local ball player and ship builder, leaves town today for Rockford, Ill., where he is going to put in the spring and summer months trying to give the natives out there a baseball winner.

Scranton May Get Franchise

Scranton, Pa., April 25.—An International League team may be placed in Scranton, Pa., by the National Association of Professional Baseball Players.

Rutgers Opens Tennis Season

New York, April 25.—The Rutgers tennis team opens its season with Columbia at New Brunswick tomorrow.

'WHITEY' WITT MAKING GOOD IN ATHLETICS' OUTFIELD

Absence of 'Tilly' Walker Adding No Wrinkles to Connie Mack's Face—Yesterday Connected for Four Safe Hits

By EDWIN J. POLLOCK. Washington, D. C., April 25.—Tilly Walker still is hobbling about on a lame ankle, but C. Mack's thumping trio is intact. Whitey Witt has made good.

The little blond-haired, sawed-off, bow-legged youth, who was turned into an outfielder overnight, has been pounding the sphere in the series with Clark Griffith's senators in a fashion that would do credit to Ty Cobb, let alone Walker.

Witt did his best to win the old ball game for the A's within the regulation distance yesterday, but Lefty Anderson and Fred Thomas wouldn't have it that way. He tried to win it again in the twelfth, but again Anderson wouldn't accept, and as far as can be ascertained there is no rule in this town prohibiting ball games to be won or lost in less than thirteen innings.

It was a wicked bat that young Witt swung at Washington pitchers yesterday, and the meanest part of it from a local standpoint was that he swung it most wickedly when there were runners on the base paths. Whitey pushed four runs into the scoring column with this timely.

He doubled on an opening day was far from a sample of his wares. Detroit and Cleveland have not been considered as yet for the baseball season as if they were any medals to be awarded on this score.

At Metro Elias dug deep into his pile of records last night when he heard that the Athletics would play the Phils. He has been doing his best to get the Athletics to play the Phils since he was first in the line to play.

All Leo Callahan has to do to lead out Gavy Cravath for the regular berth in right field is to hit 1.000. The California manager turned out some knuckle against the Phils at a 1.000 clip, bagging two doubles and two singles in four times at bat.

It's a great old story about the Giants. They're a grand old club when it's led by the late Jimmie Foxx. The Philadelphia Professional yesterday after the Phils put three runs across in the sixth.

While the Giants were beating 'em around in the sixth, the Athletics were to be marked that McGraw might have a heavy-hitting aggregation, but they impress me as being better than the Phils in the field.

Frank Woodward, the Phils' rookie curver, finished what Joe Oeschger started, and he made the Giants look like the Phils when he became a matter of depositing runs at the scoring table. You'll hear more about the "bird" Woodward before Jack Dempsey lands his haymaker on Terrence Jess Willard.

Elmer Smith, the "million-dollar" catcher of the Giants, made his big league debut and impressed the Phils with his work. Incidentally, only made his bow as a Phil's catcher when he took his assignment with as much class as Smith.

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Fred Knight won his bet by playing a single round of golf, but the Athletics had to go through a long wait for their first decent Athletics and Washington renew hostilities today for the thirteen-inning championship.

Whitely Witt counted four hits in six times up against the Senators yesterday, but he was out when he hit in seven times. It's all in the draw, boys.

Doug Baird played third as if it should be played yesterday. He accepted all of the chances and convinced fans that his weird

RACES TODAY AT HAVRE DE GRACE. 7 RACES DAILY, including a Steeplechase, 3:30 P. M. to 7:30 P. M. at the Racetrack, Havre de Grace, Md.

George Decker Selects Red and Blue Boxing Team

Coach George Decker has selected the Penn boxers who will swap wallops with the titmen from State College in Weightman Hall on May 3. The following men will represent the Red and Blue: 125 pounds, Roth; 135, Don Low; 145, Grant; 155, Bourne; heavyweight, Neylon.

POLO TOURNAMENT MAY 12

Season's First Event at Whippany River Club. New York, April 25.—The first polo tournament in the North this spring will be held at the Whippany River Club, Morrisstown, N. J., from May 12 through May 22.

George Burns went like the wind in his hitting yesterday and that means much to Washingtonians, for the wind was traveling at gale rate during the ball game. To the Tigra newwlywed went the credit for obtaining the first extra base hit on his first appearance at the plate, was hit by a pitched ball on the second, doubled on the third and was hit again on the fourth.

Frankie Clark Wins. Harrogate, N. J., April 25.—Frankie Clark of Philadelphia, defeated Alphonso Dundee in the wind-up here last night in a fast and clever bout.

Major Biddle Tournament. Philadelphia, April 25.—The Philadelphia Major Biddle tournament, including Gold Water, was from James Hamner and William Hooper.

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Olympia A. A. Broad and Bainbridge. Monday night, April 28. JIMMY SLYDER vs. HARRY WAGNER. FRANKIE MCKENNA vs. JOHNNY HANNA. JOHNNY CLARK vs. JOE KILPATRICK. TROUBLE WINLEY.

Joe Tiplitz vs. Frankie Conifrey. Lew Tandler vs. Jimmy Duffy.

ONLY 2 STARS FOUND IN AMERICAN LEAGUE DURING 10-YEAR SPAN

Ruth and Sisler Only Youths Combining Ability and Personal Magnetism to Enter Johnson Circuit in Half Decade—Always Space Around Top

IN THE SPOTLIGHT—BY GRANTLAND RICE

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The Message of the Winds

The North wind, the South wind, The South wind and the West wind, The East wind and the West wind, Whisper from the valley to the knob; And each wind that has found me Seems to whisper all around me.

Space at the Top

AN EXPERT of note has listed seven American Leaguers—in that circuit—who may be regarded as stars—combining playing ability and a personal magnetism that leads the fanatic through the turnstile.

It is worthy of note that from this list of seven, five have been in the game ten years or longer. Which is to state that the last ten years in the American League have produced but two outstanding stars—Ruth and Sisler.

These statistics seem a bit weird. Yet here are the facts. Of the five veterans, Cobb, Spenser and Johnson leaped to fame their first year out. Collins and Baker needed two seasons to reach stardom—but all five were established luminaries in 1910.

Considering all the hundreds who have taken a whirl at the Main Show in the last ten campaigns, the development of only two highly classified stars in that period shows the wide gap that exists between phenoms.

MANY such are heralded each spring, but the average seems to be about one to every five years. There will be quite a bunch of space left around the top. And there always will be.

Ruth's Rise

SISLER is a fine ball player, but one of those quiet types that carries no wide appeal. Ruth, on the contrary, has a turnstile lure on a par with Cobb or Spenser. Going still further, it isn't at all probable that he will entice more people to the stands than either Tris or Ty.

If there were three rival ball parks where Cobb, Spenser and Ruth were playing, the latter would certainly draw as many fans as either of the first two named.

AND if the big Babe only lifts a few out of the inclosure early in the campaign he will outdraw any sole delegate in the line-up.

The Best Outfield

WHERE do they get that stuff? writes an irate Detroit fan, "about the Giants, with Burns and Kauff and Young, having the best outfield? Even money any time they want it on Cobb, Veach and Shorten—who cover as much ground, make more base hits, steal more bases and drive in more runs. What else do they want?"

WELL, keep a weather eye on these statistics through the season and observe the general effect later on.

Revised Again

Many are called—but out of the bunch Most of them hardly get up for lunch.

HOW can I keep my eye on the ball and then find it again after I've hit it while my caddy is discussing the league of nations or something else with other caddies? Which reminds us—that has become of Steve Evans's idea to manufacture a golf ball that squeaks when it gets lost?

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