# IT'S A LONG TIME BETWEEN HITS WHEN WALTER JOHNSON TWIRLS ON A CLOUDY DAY

### IACOBS AND CRAVATH COMBINE TO HUMBLE BEZDEKLESS PIRATES

Elmer's Effective Mound Work and Gavvy's Timely Rapping Prove Undoing of Foe and Place Phils Nearer Keystone State Title

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ATTHE present writing our Phils can proudly point to themselves, purchase a few medals and modestly admit they are National League champions of the state of Pennsylvania. Such is indeed the case, for yesterday they won every game played with their bitter rivals from Pittsburgh, and the official standing of the clubs is:

It was the beginning of the much talked of intersectional series, and the home-town boys surely did look good. Aided by the superb slinging of Elmer Jacobs, who held the Bezdekless gang to three widely scattered bingles, the Pails remped away with a 3-to-2 victory. It's a long time between hits when Jake is in shape and buzzing 'em over.

Of course he needed assistance, but his pals did not fall down on the job. They were there in the pinch with the timely swats and Gavvy Cravath furnished the necessary punch. This old bird demonstrated he was not yet ready for the trading mart or serap heap when he lifted a homer over the wall for the tying score in the second after Cutshaw had circled the bases after slamming the ball into the left field sun den. This changed the complexion of the came. Gavry scored again in the fourth when he soaked a single, worked his way around the bases and came in on Adams's rap to right.

The next time up Hamilton thought so much of his walloping that he was intentionally passed, thus giving him a perfect batting average for the day. Gavey scored two of the three runs and is entitled to a day off today.

Eddie Sicking at short made an auspicious debut, playing a swell fielding game and acting like a real player. He did not connect safely while at bat, but almost got away with a three-bagger in the seventh. He hit the ball on the nose and sent it to deep center, but Bigbee made a circus catch which was pure robbery. Coombs was lucky in getting such a person to replace Bancroft.

THE Phils looked like a good hall club yesterday because they were favored by the breaks and also had good pitching. If a couple of the other hurlers come through Counts will be close to if not in the first division before the season is over,

#### Byron Working in Usual Inaccurate Manner

T'S a hard matter to dope out a bull club before the season starts," said Hugo Bezdek yesterday, after recovering from his adventure with Bill Byron, the autocrat umpire. Bill teld Hugo to take the air after the Pirate manager had kicked on a spurious ball which had been called on Whitted. Byron did not have an off day, but called them in his usual inaccurate manner, showing preference to neither team.

"Yes, it's a tough proposition." repeated the ousted manager as he took a seat in the grand stand. "In the spring they look great, but as soon as the season starts you must begin doping all over again. Take my team, for example. We have a good ball club and should win many games, but we haven't started to play our best as yet. The pitchers need warm weather and some of the players still are on the injured list.

Bill Southworth is not with the club because he is suffering with neuritis in the legs and is in bad shape. He lost ten pounds in a week and I sent him home to take a long rest. Max Carey was operated upon before the game by Doctor Carnett and had a boil cut from under his arm. He couldn't play the entire game, and I doubt if he will be able to play for a couple of days. In addition, the infield is not working together yet, but it will be different

"I want to go on record as being opposed to home training trips or trips to towns not far enough South. I want to train my ball club in a place where the temperature is about 95, where the boys can let themselves loose and get into shape. A few cold days will not hurt them after they get North. It is the preliminary work that counts.

"HAMILTON was not in shape, but I am not offering that for an alibi; but Earl needs hat weather and thought he was able to pitch the first game. As soon as the pitchers are in form just watch Pittsburgh step to the front."

#### National League Discards Retrenchment Policy

ESTORING the twenty five player limit and handing the well-known R K. O. to the twenty-one roster, the National League took a step in the right direction yesterday. Baseball has become more popular than even the most confirmed optimists believed and something had to be done to expand. le would not be at all surprising to see the American League follow suit

Tomorrow was the day set for pruning the payroll and canning all superfluons talent. Howls of dismay arose from several bull yards, especially in New York and Chicago, where costly experimenting was going on, and there was little chance of reclaiming a player once he was chased to the bushes or to some other club. In other words, the departed athletes would be a dead loss as soon as they were turned loose on the cruel world.

Now everything is serene and lovely. If Jawn McGraw or Jawn Coombs or anybody in the National League wants to try out a flock of aspiring but exceedingly green hurlers it can be done without incurring the wrath of the powers that be or being soaked with a juicy fine for kicking over the traces. The new ruling will especially help the Giants, for pitchers are needed and several must be carried on the payroll for further experience.

Another thing which looms in the offing is the utter annihilation of the retrenchment policy which is said to be operating in secret in some clubs. Now every baseball owner can paddle his own canoe, as he should do; spend as much money as he likes and have as many players as he wants-up to twenty-five. The National League is to be congratulated for the far-sighted and really intelligent action of yesterday.

At that, there would have been little hardship on the part of the majority of managers in slicing the player limit to twenty-one. Plans had been made early in the season to hold about eight pitchers, four outlielders, five infielders and three catchers, making a total of twenty. There would have been some difficulty in developing youngsters and also keeping players to use against left and right-handed pitchers.

TAKING it all in all, the National Lengue has made it possible to increase the player limit, which also increases the efficiency of the game. This means better baseball and better baseball means bigger gate receipts. Everybody should be perfectly satisfied.

#### This W as Southworth's Lucky Town

THERE was a sadly disappointed person at the ball park yesterday when it was learned that Bill Southworth, the Pirate slugger, was not with the visitors. Charlie Wiermuller, who has been boosting Bill for more than a year despite the fact be never has met him or even talked to him. gladly parted with his war tax to see his here in action.

"Here's the done on Southworth," says Charlie, "He might not be hitting the size of his hat now, but it will be different when he gets started. I expected to see him clean up in this series, because it was right here in Philadelphia that he started to clout the ball last year.

CTHIS is his lucky town, and it's a shame he isn't in shape to get some hite."

ONNY thing about the National League schedule yesterday. The six leading ubs were paired in battle-Brooklyn and Cincinnati fighting it out for New York and Chicago for third and the Phils and Pittsburgh for fifth. are was enough interest in those conflicts to last a whole season. Boston St. Louis had a feeble argument for the cellar niche, but the Braves

BOVER CLEVELAND ALEXANDER surely is an unlucky guy. After me porch-elimber copped the family jewels, he goes right out and loses game to the New York Giants. That's a swell reception for a re-

doings in baseball today. The East vs. West series begins in the

falls on Manday. Pasts that date in your hat, for Pat Moran will

#### WONDER WHAT BABE RUTH THINKS ABOUT WHEN MAKING A HOME RUN

WELL HERE I GO . IT LOOKS AS THOUGH ID HAVE TO GO ALL THE WAY- GOSH HOW ! DREAD IT



I COULD EAT A

A APPETITE LIKE A

FLOCK OF HORSES

BIG STEAK IF I HAD

THE CHANCT, I'VE GOT

WELL HERE I AM

SOON BE OVER - OH

ROUNDING THIRD BASE

AND THE DAYS WORK'LL

ONE OF THESE DAYS

RUN JUST TO FOOL EM.

I GET ALL TIRED OUT

MAKE A HOME



- GOSH IT GETS THOSE

Too - I WISH I DIDN'T

MAKE SO MANY HOME

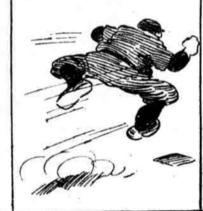
PRACTICE ON SINGLES

RUNS - IM GOING TO



- HERE'S HOME PLATE HELLO HOME PLATE -

TA TATA TYA TYA



THERE'S OLD HARRY STEVENS - HELLO ? HARRY-- WHAT SAY? YEH - IN ABOUT TEN MINUTES!

SLIP ME THAT TEN

USE IT-

SPOT HE OWES ME -

BELIEVE ME I CAN



# LATE RALLIES WIN FOR SCHOOL TEAMS

Germantown High Defeats West Philadelphia by Scoring Two

Runs in Ninth

ed in winning the games with but little Cricket Club women. Huntingdon Valles won but one match and it re-

Germantown High School students victory. had about given up hope of defeating Two 20-Hole Matches West Philadelphia High when the We have not heard of Mrs. Stewart Clivedens came to bat in the last half Hamilton, although she has had a local of the ninth and won the game by rating of seven strokes. Playing Mrs. secring two runs, making the final count 3 to 2. Martin, who had taken up the pitching burden after Gibson was taken out in the sixth frame, hit a sharp down the first base line, sending Dieterle across with the winning tally.

Taking of seven strokes. Playing Mrs. Calof F. Fox. five times the winner of the local championship and once a national finalist, the Cricket Club player took Mrs. Fox to the twentieth was taken out in the sixth frame, hit hole before she admitted defeat. Up to a sharp down the first base line, sending the seventeenth green she maintained Dieterle across with the winning tally.

They played. Mrs. Billstein was so unnerved that she just managed to win entry they played. Mrs. Billstein was so unnerved that she just managed to win entry they played. Mrs. Billstein was so unnerved that she just managed to win entry the eighteenth green.

Saturday Cornish Day

At the annual meeting of the Golf Association of Philadelphia the delegation of Philadelphia the del

Squeeze Play Wins

the Quakers leading 8-7, the German- hole match from Mrs. Weaver. They and the fees were to go to the fund. town team took their last turn with were the only extra hole matches of the Cornish was well known to all golfthe stick, Herman singled, Middleton day,

Archives to bring their bats into play Old York road team. in the eighth round.

#### Barker Twirls Well

winning runs. Paul Barker twirled tied for third place. is chairman of the committee. The ten great ball for Northeast and in the Bala was beaten by West Chester, but his representatives are Doctor Dew

four more games to play, with Catholic Billstein, the captain of the team, was High. Frankford. Southern and Northeast English of the Captain of the team, was struck by a runaway horse. The women were hadly shaken up, after a short rest the army, and will report tomorrow.

### SHIP PENN SHELLS Merion and Cricket Clubs Still Tied for Golf Honors

Will Meet on May 27 to Decide Championship—Bala Women Have Narrow Escape in Thrilling Runaway

By PETER PUTTER

ONE of the most interesting matches that will be played this year by the NORTHEAST HIGH TRIUMPHS women golfers of the city is set for Tuesday, May 27, when the Merion and Late and quite unexpected rallies Philadelphia Cricket Clubs will meet in were quite the style in yesterday's a match which will decide the Philadelscholastic ball games. Just when sev. phia team cup championship. Both eral coaches had definite visions of another victory for their proteges the had already been beaten by Merion, was other club turned around and succeed- climinated from the contest by the quired twenty holes to gain that lone

with the winning run. Remmey did Club won from Philmont only by the odd golf who never met him. During the the other half of the squeeze play. Catholic High. Instead he ordered the ion had no trouble in disposing of the this opportunity to aid his son will be

#### Country Club Leads

Catholic High was leading 8 to 5 in the Country Club women, and they now the eighth, when the Northeast got busy lead the Suburban Cup League with a including Mrs. Fox, Mrs. Stetson, Miss and by several clean hits, mixed in string of five victories. North Hills Caverly, Miss Maule, Miss Chandler, with a few errors, sent Barker, Bickley whitewashed St. Davids and are second. Robert W. Lesley, Howard W. Perrin and Walker across the rubber with the Overbrook, West Chester and Bain are and Norman H. Maxwell. Peter Putter

last two innings faunde five of the in fairness to Bala it must be said they seven men to face him.

The victories of Germantown and fortunately had no bad consequences.

Northeast make the team standing On their way to the West Chester Golf Jennings is the only nongolfer. ong the leaders remain virtually and Country Club the automobile carry the same as before, Germantown has ing the five players, and driven by Mrs. four more games to play, with Catholic Billstein, the captain of the team, was

#### Dates of the Principal English Tennis Tourneys

The principal English tennis fix tures for the coming season with the places and dates for this tournament are as follows : June 16-21-Queens Club (grass)

June 23-The Championships. July 14-19-Irish Championships,

July 21-26-Scottish Champion Sept. 6-11-Queens Club (cov

ered). London.

had a lot of trouble in laying her ap- gates voted to set aside Saturday, May proaches within easy putting distance. 17. for the H. H. Cornish memorial Defeats Frankle Britt in Twelve- in slathering bogey for the time being. Episcopal Academy was assured of Mrs. Hamilton hashed up the twentieth fund, which is being raised to educate the Interacademic League title through hole a bit, otherwise the players would his ten-year-old boy. The clubs were Penn Charter's defeat from German- have gone at least one extra hole. Miss permitted to select their own events, town Academy at Tabor Field. With Hood won another interesting twenty- but there was to be an entrance fee,

ers who participated in tournament doubled, scoring Herman and on a per- On paper and in view of the fact that play, although there were hundreds of fect squeeze play Middleton came across Huntingdon Valley and the Cricket golfers who do not play in tournament Conch Harry Snyder refused to allow mont would win from Riverton, but the for the Philadelphia papers he said his Northeast team to wait until the New Jersey women surprised the visitors many kind things about the golf clubs ninth inning to stage their rally against by taking the first five matches. Mer- and the members of those clubs. And accepted by the golfers.

The memorial fund committee has o None of the teams seem able to stop it a number of the most prominent is chairman of the committee. The ten-

Dodgers Sign Collegian

## BINGLING AND BUNGLING WITH BALL TOSSERS

The American League also will put on East vs. West bouts today. Connie Mack's Athletics and the Browns will fight it out for last place. The A.'s start the series with clear tille to the cellar, but have a chance to pass the Hrowns.

Elmer Jacobs is Jack Coombs's only winning pitching bet thus far. Three of the Phil triumphs have been turned in by the hig right-hander, who held the Pirates to two healthy blows and one tainted swat yesterday.

It was a wise move on the part of the National League to return to the twenty-five player limit. This enables each club to carry four men more than the old limit of twenty-one, which never was popular with John J. McGraw and his Giants.

"You can't tell what's zoing to happen in the shuffle," said the guy in the brown derby. "One day they take \$8000 worth of leweiry from Grover Cleveland Alexander and the next day the Glants sandbag him for a ball game."

Those Giants are the same old limit to

Those Giants are the same old line to tlee the Great. When a Phil the ace of 19hl-handers seldom won a decision over federaci's men, and now that he has changed its uniform to the colors of the Cubs. the that keep on beating him just the same.

enny Kauff fattened his batting average he expense of Alexander, who was noised in spite of the fact that he held a run lead until the sixth round. Out of the times at bat Kauff smote two singles

Up-to-Minute Marks of Leading Hitters NATIONAL LEAGUE

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Meyers, Brooklyn 14 58 10 22 379

Griffith, Brooklyn 14 63 11 23 365

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16 62 14 27
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three of Cincinnati's eight hits off Ffeffer.

Donnie Bush made four hits out of five times up off Coumbe and Coveleskie yesterday. Two of these swats off Cieveland twiriling were doubles.

The Cardinals beat Southpaw Nehf for the West's only triumph in the East in the Herdier circuit. The Bostor portsider was found for seven hits and three runs in the first three innings. Hornsby had three for St. Louis ten hits.

Doue Dottesport stopped the White Sox asserting when the First specification of St. Louis ten hits.

last place by winning. He held the pale-nosed crew to five hits. Robersom, a rookie pitcher who started for Chicago, lasted only two innings. Kerr, who Anished the game, gave only four hits in the last seven rounds,

Hughle Jennings continues to have the same old pitching troubles in Detroit. Cleveland won yesterday by aking advantage of the unsteadiness of Daues and Couningham, whose slants were found for eleven hits.

Vilianova College nine gained a notable victory at Carlisle yesterday by defeating the Army Hospital No. 18 team in a similar eleven-ining duel. The Main Line collegians won by putting over two runs in the sleventh. Jones gave the convalescent soldiers only five hits.

# Quaker Oarsmen Expect to Take Short Workout To-

morrow Afternoon

OUTWEIGH OTHER EIGHTS

The shells that will seat the Pent arsity and freshman crews on Saturday in the historic Childs cup regatta at Lake Carnegie, Princeton, will be shipped this afternoon. They will arrive at Princeton in time for the two Red and Blue crews to take a trial spin to-

comorrow afternoon at 2:30. be the contestants in the big race—the varsity event. It will be rowed over the Lake Carnegie course of one and seveneighth miles. The freshman race be-tween Princeton and Penn also will be

at this distance.
Penn will outweigh both Princeton

Round Bout Boston, Mass., May 14.-Benny Valgar won over Frankie Britt in twelve rounds on a referee's decision before the members of the Armory A. A. last night-in one of the hottest, closest and this city. Referee Conley's decision was not exactly popular, as the majority seemed to be looking for a draw.

Polo Tourney May 24

#### Episcopal Nine Wins Interacademic Title

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# EDWARD V. CICOTTE SHATTERS DOPE AND DISPLAYS OLD FORM

After Strenuous 1917 Campaign Pitcher Slumped Last Year and Was Slated for Discard, but This Season Finds Him in Winning Stride

IN THE SPORTLIGHT-BY GRANTLAND RICE

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THE return of Edward V. Cicotte with "something on it," and his winning ways, has boosted White Sox chances by a number of kilometers, adopting

the quaint French measurement.

Edward V., after a long and honorable career of servitude in the rifle pit, was supposed to be very much to the hoity-toity last season, hanging up by But Edward V, is one of those rare birds who is liable to come back at any

moment with a fist full of important stuff, and 1919 seems to be his year again. Cicotte was pitching for Detroit in 1905, a matter of fourteen seasons ago. He was in bad favor there, his native heath, and later drifted around to Augusta, Indianapolis, Des Moines and Lincoln before he finally lit.on Boston. Cicotte remained with Boston four and a half years before the Red Sox shifted him to Chicago, Edward V. replacing red hosiery with white. When he skidded badly last season at the age of thirty-four few believed he would ever be a factor again.

YET here he is back among the winners once more, backed up by a hard-hitting ball club that is dead sure to be a live and wiry factor all the year.

Chicago's Double Grab

THIRTEEN years ago Chicago went forth and blew herself to both pen-A nants, holding a world series without any outside assistance.

That incident or episode never had taken place before—and it has never

happened since in any other commonwealth.

Now the same city is making the same bid again. Both Cubs and White Sox have first-class chances to storm and hold the heights.

Kid Gleason has his people stepping at top speed. He has a vast amount of hitting power aboard, and if the pitching holds up the White Sox will have

a tidy chance to win. The Cubs have so far drawn very little benefit from Grover Cleveland

YET with Big Alex working his way into shape they have pounded along among the elect, and when he is ready to join hands with Vaughn and Tyler there should be a flock of dust along the track.

Referee's Decision IN CASE Willard and Dempsey are unable to flatten each other when they meet, the title will then go by a referee's decision.

This will be a decided change. No heavyweight championship—none in the last thirty years—has ever changed hands over any other route than the K. O., which is generally conclusive.

The closest call to a decision was Corbett's first meeting with Jeffries

over the twenty-five-round distance. For twenty-two rounds Corbett outpointed Jeff by a dozen leagues. He had the argument all his own way until he became overconfident and strayed

in close reach of Jeff's swing.

If Corbett had been content to play it safe for a round or two longer be would have rewon his title to a certainty, for the referee could have given the

decision no other way.

Of course, Willard is confident that he will knock Dempsey out in less And of course Dempsey is confident that he will knock Willard out in less

BUT the chances are that the referee will be called upon to award the chaplet of lauret, olive or jimson weed, as the case may be.

"GOFF." remarks George Low, "is an 'umblin' game." Especially when a man drives 250 yards and shortly after misses a two-foot putt. It is on the green that arrogance most often hits the soapy chus.

at Princeton in time for the two Red and Blue crews to take a trial spin tomorrow. The oarsmen will leave here spected every trap on the course, altering the physical aspects of most of them with a club that closely resembled a niblick. But the Squire has no time to Penn. Princeton and Columbia will spend down in pits and traps with his ball clab where it is. Nothing to it.

Beyond

Spring has a warthy line, But slip me the ancient throb When the melon's back on the vine-

And the corn gets back on the cob. ABE MITCHELL, of England, the world's longest driver," may play in the next open championship. But it's generally the world's longest

putter that raises the so-called dickens in one of these medal affairs. A FTER reading the terms of the peace treaty, German delegates who brought their golf clubs to Versailles are said to have lost all immediate interest

THERE are times when the sacrifice hit is as important as the home run,

#### COLOR CONTESTS TODAY

most exciting ring battles ever staged in Annual Penn Charter Games at Queen Lane

The twenty-sixth annual color contests of the William Penn Charter School between the blues and yellows New York, May 14.—The Army Polo Association announces a tournament for the West Point cup and the West Point junior cup, to be held from May 24 through the 31st at West Point.

Queen lane station.

The yellows will be led by E. N. Wigfall, Jr., and the blues by E. R. March, of the Twenty-eighth Division American expeditionary forces.

The contest will consist of twelve events, the score of which, added to the score of the gymnasium contests which are over and resulted in 55 points for the blues and 53 points for the vellows, will decide the possession of the banner.

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