IF CRAVATH HAD A WILLARD HEART HIS BIG LEAGUE CAREER WOULD HAVE ENDED LONG AGO

CRAVATH'S BASEBALL REIGN JUST SERIES OF UPHILL BATTLES

Gavey Now Faces Tough Job With Phils Camped in Eighth Place, but This Is no New Experience, as He Always Had to Fight for Recognition

> BY ROBERT W. MAXWELL Sports Editor Evening Public Ledger

DHILADELPHIA now has something else to brag about. Not only has our fair city a pair of tail-end ball clubs which can win the pennant only in the Chinese language, but also the only playing manager in the major leagues Gavyy Cravath will double in brass or something like that while piloting the Phils over the rocky and rugged road this season. He will continue to play right field and slug the ball just like an ordinary player and at the same time endeavor to lift the home folks out of the dismal swamp. He has a tough job on his hands, but that's what Gayyy likes. He has been battling for recognition as long as he can remember and his life has been a series of ups and downs, with an average of a dozen downs to every up.

Sixteen years ago Cravath stepped into baseball and joined the Los Angeles club. After five seasons down there the Red Sox purchased him and Gavry was given a chance to make good in the majors. He was twenty six years old then, and a rookle at twenty vir is considered a tough old bird. Most of the players are sliding down the slippery skids at that age. However, Cravath showed some form, batting .256 in ninety-four games. This was not considered good enough for John I. Taylor and the owner of the Red Sox decided to give him the gate. Comiskey refused to waive, so Gavvy was signed by the White Sox in 1908.

In ten games the westerner did not hit the size of his handkerchief and ; Comiskey shunted him off to Washington. There he performed miserably, hitting .164 in twenty-two games, and it was with a sigh of relief that he was sold to Minneapolis to become a member of Joe Cautillon's Old Man's Home.

That was Cravath's first experience in the major leagues. He was fired off three clubs and at the age of twenty-nine labeled a has been. No one ever expected to see him come up again, but he fooled them all.

HE STARTED to soak home runs, pile up enormous batting overages, and Horace Fogel, then president of the Phils, purchased him for the modest sum of \$5000. That investment has paid more than 1000 per cent.

Gavvy Hit Many Costly Homers

GAVVY CRAVATH is a fighter. He never quits. Instead of laying down and spending the remainder of his days in that baseball honeyard he played all the harder, corrected his mistakes and forced the big magnates to recognize him. Starting in 1909 he bit .290; in 1910, .326, and in 1911, .363. In his last year in Minneapolis, Cravath hung up the greatest long-distance hitting record ever made in baseball

In 167 games he scored 147 runs and made 221 bits. His bingles included fifty-three doubles, thirteen triples and twenty-nine home runs. He also stole thirty-three bases, which was very good for a guy considered slow.

Gavvy found the range of the left field fence in Minneapolis and drove many homers over that barrier. He hit the ball so hard that when it cleared the fence it bounded on several occasions across the street and through a plateglass window of a tailor shop. Each time the window was broken Joe Cantillon had to pay \$50 for a new glass, and after half a dozen payments Urawath was told he would be fined the next time he drove the ball over the fence. The club couldn't stand the financial strain.

Cravath was thirty years old when he came to the Phillies. Even then he was considered entirely too ancient to be of any use except as a pinch hitter. and it took him a long time to win a regular berth. He finished forty-ninth in league batting, with an average of .284. He rapped out thirty doubles, nine

Charley Dooin decided he needed more speed in the outfield when the 1913 season opened, so Gavvy was benched and Cozy Dolan cavorted in right field. Cory played about a dozen games, but lest his job one day when the New York Giants were here. Chris Mathewson was pitching and had a nice lead when the eighth inning started. A few of the boys got on base and Cravath was sent in as a pinch hitter. All he did was to drive the ball over the right field wall, winning the game. The next day he ruined Rube Marquard when

he walloped a homer into the left field bleachers, winning another conflict. Gavvy has been a regular ever since and always delivered the goods. He ame famous as a home-run hitter, hitting eleven in 1912, nineteen in 1913, nineteen in 1914, twenty four in 1915, a modern league record; eleven in 1918, twelve in 1917 and eight in 1918. This year he has hit eight circuit

THIS is a brief outline of the caveer of the greatest slugger the game has known. He is not through yet, for at the age of thirty seven Acis hitting better than any mon in either league.

Cravath Brainiest Player in National League

TT IS seldom that a man who has done so much for a ball club as Cravath is rewarded by being made manager. Stars seldom are appreciated and are allowed to finish their years of usefulness on the ball field only to be unconditionally released or sent to a minor league club at the end. Cravath is nearing the end of his usefulness, and it speaks well for the fairness of William F. Baker that the reward came before it was too late.

Cravath never has been considered a star, although he has been one of the greatest drawing cards in the league for years. He never boasts about his ability. He will admit he is not the best outfielder in the world, does not shine on the base paths and his hitting is nothing to rave about, but records disprove it. He is the brainiest player in the National League and knows baseball inside out. He always throws to the right base and has prevented many scores.

Furthermore, he never has been a holdout nor has he made trouble on a bell club. Strange as it may seem, he wrote out his own contract ever since joining the Phils, and neither side was stung. For the last three years he started the season as a pinch hitter and utility outfielder, but was too good to hold the job. When his successors flivved be would amble out to right field and remain until the next year.

He was prepared for a life of case and comfort this season when Leo Callaban was obtained to take his job, but one day against the New York Giants he whaled the ball something scandalous, won the game and couldn't be spared from the line-up. Gavey seems to improve with age, but it is because he has his heart and soul in the game, always gives his best and does not know the meaning of the word quit.

HE HAS been one of the game's biggest surprises since 1912 and there is no reason why he shouldn't continue to be a surprise as a manager. The players like him, he likes the players and everything will be lovely.

Hard to Discourage Man of Cravath Type

TN MANY ways Cravath is one of the most unique characters in baseball. He was thirty years old when he got his first regular job in the majors and came through when most players were going back. Any player who pulls that

But the subject of this screed is that a man never should stop trying, no matter how great the odds are against him or how hard it is to succeed. Three American League teams tied the can to him, he was relegated to the scrap heap in 1900 and now, nine years later, he is one of the greatest players in the game and a manager of a big league ball club.

DOES Cravath deserve any honors for plugging, plugging and plugging when everything seemed to be against him? We'll say he deserves as much as ony man icho ever played baseball.

Coombs Fair and Square Baseball Man

JACK COOMBS leaves Philadelphia with a host of friends. He is one of the fairest and squarest men in baseball or any other line and worked hard to bring success to his team. The poor showing of the Phils was not due to any lax methods on his part. He did his best and probably would have made good showing if his business in Texas had not caused his retirement.

PHE news same as a shock to the players, who threatened to strike and walk out before yesterday's game. Coombs, kowever, asked them 10 they mid they abeyed before.

AIN'T IT A GRAND AND GLORIOUS FEELIN'?



TOO GOOD TO THROW HANGING OUT - GIVE EM TO UP HERE FOR YEARS ME - I'LL FIND A CHANCE TO WEAR THEM ON MY VACATION





NJURED RIBS KEEP WILEY OUT OF RACE

Star Withdraws From Fifty-Mile Paced Grind Against Stellar Field

not be able to take part in the fifty-mile motorpaced grind at the Point balle motorpased grind at the Point Breeze Velodrome tomorrow night. It but Britton surprised by regaining his discovered that the veteran rider crown by stopping Ted (Kid) Lewis. Greb Contender

Chapmen, the youthful Newark pace follower, who was shaken up and badly bruised in a match with Clarence Carman last Saturday night will take man last Saturday night will take

can champion will be the favorite. Dempsey Always Ready. can champion, will be the inverte.

Other starters will be Vincent Madonna.

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Lawrence took the sixty-two-and noners.

One half-mile race last Thursday night and began to take tomorrow night's champion is ready and willing at all feature. Much depends on the draw for times to give any challenger a chance, page for the two that land Hunter and Lewis gave Britton a couple of chances begin and the other couple of Eddie Root, the latter a one-time famous six day rider, will be the other

One professional sprint race and two amateur events are on the card.

FIGHT RECEIPTS \$452,000

Less Than 21,000 Saw Dempsey Tendler's Record Gain Heavyweight Title

Toledo, July 9.—Gate receipts of the The attendance, Promoter Rickard brilliant one, said, was between 20,000 and 21,000.

The announcement that the bout drew The announcement that the bout drew only about 20,000 persons, fewer than one-fourth of the seating canneity of the arena, was a big surprise. Rickard said that all of the \$60 seats were sold, and that virtually all of the \$50 seats were sold, and disposed of, but that the disappointment came in the sale of the cheapest seats, and the common of the cheapest seats, and the common of the cheapest seats, and the c

which sold for \$10.
Provision had been made to seat between 35,000 and 40,000 persons in the \$10 seat sections, but only about 5000

seats were sold.

The Toledo charity fund will be en-riched by virtually \$31,500 as the re-sult of the contest. The city received per cent of the gross receipts. money will be used in endowing hospital beds for the poor and taking children of or families on summer vacations The government will receive nearly \$41,000 in war tax.

DEMPSEY REFUSES OFFER

Champion Will Not Go to Europe for Bout With Carpentier

Jack Dempsey will not go to Europe to box Georges Carpentier, according to messages received today from Jack Kearns, his manager. A large offer has been received, it was said, but will not be accepted.

Kearns stated Dempsey will leave in few days for Salt Lake City where in Cincinnati. Returning east the champion will join a circus.

ARRANGE POST SERIES

International and American Associa-

tion Winners Will Meet in Fall New York, July 9 .- A post-season paseball series between the American cided upon at a meeting of the latter organization yesterday. The series will consist of the best four out of seven games, play to begin about the first week of (trober. Association and the International

ONLY 2 TITLE BOUTS STAGED THIS SEASON

In Both Meetings Crowns Changed Hands, Dempsey and Britton Taking Honors—Lewis, Tendler and Greb Worthy of Championship Battles

By JAMES S. CAROLAN

CHAPMAN REPLACES HIM Willard and thereby annexed the Tendler have failed. Tendler met Joe Welling in Newark heavyweight crown, it was the first last February and outfought the rangy George Wiley, the Syrneuse boy, will championship to change hands in six lightweight in eight hand rounds, Well-the able to take part in the fifty months. It also will be recalled that

fractured two ribs last Thursday night.
In that race he was leading at the forty-mile mark when he took a spill and was carried from the track.
At first it was believed the injuries were slight, but an examination showed his ribs had been fractured. George the role of t

Wiley's place. Chapman has responded battles. Benny Leonard has not placed to treatment and expects to be in con-dition.

Percy Lawrence, the present Ameri-

learn that he was ready to give all sey. If Greb pulls a Dempsey and steps challengers a smash at his newly won honors.

or regain the crown. Britton has an experienced that he is willing to meet the "We just got back from Tulsa, where Englishman over the championship distance. It is reported that the match

again if Lewis and Britton meet.

Now the one boy who is likely to ner, in your city. I wish to state that be the third ring artist crowned is Lew Greb will meet that other dark-skinned heavyweight championship contest between Jack Dempsey and Jess Willard needs is a chance. He has demontant between Jack Dempsey and Jess Willard needs is a chance. He has demontant were Jack Dempsey.

Transfer All this brilliant southpaw fellow that was trained by the Jamaica needs is a chance. He has demontant with the less light. here July 4 were unofficially announced strated his class against the best lightlast night as approximately \$452,000, weights in the world. His record is a time with that wonderful puncher, who,

Irish Patsy Cline, Willie Jackson, enty-seven times, and then the circus

have been the only lightweight head- take it from me, we're ready for Dempliners be has not engaged. Efforts to sey

Faces Panama Champion at Shore Tonight

LEW GRIMSON TO REFEREE

Atlantic City, July 9 .- A special boxing show has been arranged for "Elks' night" at the Atlantic City Sporting Club tonight.

Jeff Smith, of Bayonne, N. J., who outfought Mike Gibbons in Kansas City on July 4, will take on Joe Gans, light heavyweight champion of Panama, in the eight-round feature

Smith has been a brilliant performer. He still has in his possession the middleweight championship belt of Europe which he won in a title meeting in Another boy who has broken into the Paris. The pride of Bayonne registered portlight during the last two months is his most notable victory of the year when he beat Mike Gibbons. Tonight Hary Greb, the Pittsburgh light heavyweight. Greb has been going through he hopes and expects to put away the the field like a demon. His latest con-quest was a fifteen-round victory over dusky champion from the isthmus.

Bill Brennan in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Brennan once gave Dempsey a real Taylor assigned the skillful referee to Taylor assigned the make his debut as a referee in an At- ship of an Olympic meet Willie Coulon, of Memphis, will be

eight-round semifinal. Wally Hinkle. of Philadelphia vs. Tommy Warren and Teddy Leonard vs. Johnny Ray also

The regular fight night here is on Thursday, but the show was advanced to tonight at the request of the Elks.

JAWN McGRAW TO PROTEST

has been clinched for a title meeting between them for Labor Day.

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yesterday that he will protest the secreceived another offer for Greb to box and game played by the Pittsburgh and Jamaica Kid, Dempsey's sparring part-Cincinnati teams at Cincinnati Sunday. The game was won by Cincinnati by a 2 to 1 score. Only six innings were played, the contest being called to allow the Reds to catch a train.

McGraw's protest is based on the calling of the game before nine innings had been played. According to Frankie Callaban, Tommy Tuohey, Pete of defeat. Any time Dempsey wants a make train connections. McGraw claims that a later train could have been taken, allowing the teams to play a

PLANS SPORTS FOR ALL Berry Will Reorganize Athletic Sys-

tem at Cornell New York, July 9 .- Romeyn Berry

of this city, has announced his acceptance of the position of graduate manager of athletics at Cornell University, succeeding G. Ervin Kent, who esigned last year to enter war service.

Berry, who was prominent in athetic, fraternity and literary circles at

ornell as an undergraduate some fifteen years ago, will give up his law practice in this city and live at Ithaca in order to reorganize and develop athletics at Cornell upon a broader scale than her eastern colleges.

ED WALSH RESIGNS

Barring of Spit-Ball Causes One-Time Star to Quit

Walsh, one-time star of the White Sox, has resigned from the local American Walsh handed his Association club.

An exhibition game of teams in the Phila-delphia Manufacturers' League, played at the Heas-Bright grounds, resulted in Atlas-Ball taking an easy victory from Schutte-Koerting, 13 to 3. Two Hits Off Redding

COBB, THORPE, GANS ONLY SUPERSTARS OF LAST TEN YEARS

This Trio Stands Out as the Only "Everything" Boys in Realm of Sports Capable of Performing Brilliantly in All Departments

IN THE SPORTLIGHT-BY GRANTLAND RICE

Copyright, 1919. All rights reserved The "Everything" Boys

ONCE in a rare while some section of the game develops an entry who is blessed with everything there is in his particular branch of sport. Once in a rare while is breaking it too gently. In the long and winding lane of sport you probably could count the entire list upon the fingers of one grimy paw.

THESE super-stars pop out once in the or three generations. But when they arrive they leave no room for further *HESE super-stars pop out once in two or three generations. Hardly

In Football

TOOTBALL, for one example, has known but one "everything" athlete. Ted Coy could hit a line and Ted could tackle and kick.

Willie Heston could bit a line and Willie was a pink flash in a broken field.

But the only "everything" star of football was Jim Thorpe. Thorpe could hit a line and run an end. Thorpe could tackle and block. He could punt and drop-kick and place. He was a star at the forward passing game. There wasn't anything he couldn't do with a football. He was a specialist at many things and a star at all.

TE HAD a keen football instinct and he was as durable as steel. If HE HAD a keen joologi instinct and he was so Thorpe stands alone in this field of endeavor, with no one else upon the same plateau.

In Boxing

WE ASKED Bat Nelson who the greatest lightweight was that ever lived.
We had a subtle hunch that the Battler would very likely say Mr. Nelson and not be very far wrong.

He spoke as if there was no argument to be thought of. "Joe Gans," he "When he was right there was no one close." At the recent fistic carnival in Toledo this was one subject that produced

argument. Nearly everything else did. It was gradually agreed that Joe Gans was one of the "everything" boys.

He was quick and strong, wiry and clever; he could block and hit, ounter, duck, jab, book, wallop, appercut—anything you wanted.

He outclassed in eleverness either Packy McFarland or Jimmy Britt. And he could outhit any lightweight on the docket with the possible exception of

HE HAD everything any time he wasn't cooked by some Ali Baba

on the managerial staff. He was the first of the Old Masters. In Baseball

MY COBB is the "everything" boy of baseball attack. He is the master marvel of the game's offense. But he was never the all-around star that

Star Bayonne Middleweight them all as Thorpe covered football. Cobb, for example, was never a pitcher. He isn't the all-around man that George Sisler is, Sisler having starred in the box, the infield and the outfield as well as at bat. But Sisler isn't close to Cobb as an offensive star. Neither is any one else.

> To LEAD a league eleven out of twelve years at bat, and in that period to steal more bases and score more runs than any other man,

Some Weakness

AS A rule there is always some weakness to break up the all-around reign.
In golf, Vardon and Evans are erratic with the putter. Travers is erratic with the wood.

Walter J. Travis had virtually no weakness fifteen or sixteen years ago when he won the British and the American amateur championships.

McLOUGHLIN and Norris Williams both had great power in certain parts of tennis play, with a decline in other strakes.

Rare Birds

THE Thorpes, the Ganses and the Cobbs are rare birds. It is very likely that A past and faded generations have had their counterparts, but in a single time you see only the two or three from all the sports there are. But the greatest all-grounder of them all was Jim Thorpe Number One in football for all-around value

Good enough at baseball to make a big league team. And good enough in track and field sports to win the all-around champion-

AMATEUR BASEBALL NOTES

Germantown Collegians would like to hear from first-class home teams. H. J. Conway, 5625 Heiskell street.

Tabernacle A. A. wants games with first-class home nines paying a guarantee for August 9, 29, September 1, Labor Day (a. m.) and September 6. G. K. Abmeyer, 6120 Christian street.

Darby Professionals have July 12 and 18 open for first-class home teams offering a guarantee. E. H. Smith, 106 South Sixth street, Darby.

Tremont A. C., a fifteen and sixteen year old traveling nine, would like to hear from Att Brothers Jrs. McMullen A. C. Gross B. C., Virtue A. C. and Clover. G. Miller. E. corner Thirty-ninth and Brandywine ___

Clover F. C., a sixteen to eighteen year old traveling team, desires games with all teams paying a guarantee. R. Braun, 415 West Dauphin street. Palethorpe A. A., a first-class traveling time, has open dates in July and August or home teams paying a guarantee. Joseph Schorle, 214 Glenwood avenue.

Thompson B. C., a filteen, seventeen-year-old uniformed traveling nine, has a few open dates in August for teams paying a guarantee. Earle Clower, 653 North Syden-num street.

Clifton A. C., a sixteen-eighteen-year-old traveling team, has August 16, 23 and 30, and also Sunday dates open. R. Laury, 1524 Tasker street. Philadelphia City, a semipro traveling team, has July 19 and later dates open. J. H. Dailey, 710 Beigrade street.

Americus A. A. has open dates in August for seventeen-eighteen-year-old home teams. M. J. Luff, 2447 Memphis street.

Rose F. C., a first-class traveling nine, has open dates in July and August and would like to bear from East Germantows J. J. Hoover, 2035 North American street.



SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS

N. J.

Jack Hagen will present a new hope in one of the Cambria preliminaries when he sends Young Gomez, the Spanish box, against Young Klipatrick. The other Cambria bouts follow: Willie McCloskey vs. bria bouts follow; Willie McClos Artie Mace, Young Merino vs Willie and Young Griffo vs Billy Williams.

session.

Johnny Piazzi and Jack Howie clash in the National semiwindup. The third bout presents Eddie Hood and Eddie Mitchell. The other houts follow: Young Sherlock vs Young Mack and Eddie Kirby vs Joe Santry.

The new Fennegrove A. C. will open dittor friday night. Kid Wagner faces Jimmy Myson in the eight round final The other bouts follow: Joe Stanley vs Sammy Segar. Young Jimmy Murphy ve Billy Devine and Frankle Ness vs Muggay Rudder.

Lew Grimson will be the third man in the ring at the Atlantic City Sporting Club tenisht. The Olympia's official referee had been officiating at Pennsgrove all season.

Battling Murray has not been doing much work this summer. He is keeping in con-dition and making ready a regular attack on the leading bantame this white. He will be seen a number of times at the open-air clubs.

This is fight night in Atlantic City. Jeff ing Eddie Welsh in the main number.

according to his own gang, hit Jess sev-

Frankie Burns and Jabez White come to gether in Jersey City on Monday night White and Burns fought in Albany last week.

Artie Mace, Young Merino vs Willie Davis, and Young Griffo vs Billy Williams.

Promoter Griffo, of the National A. A. has changed his fight right from Thursday to Monday. His first show will be staged Monday hight and will bring together Eddle Wagond and Wally Hinkle in the main seasion.

Lebrary Plazzi and Jack Howie clash in

The National show will conflict with the all-star program arranged for Shibe Parit Monday night. Promoter Phil Glassman will have Lew Tendler vs Joe Veiling. Harry Greb vs Battling Levinsky, George Chaney vs Joe Triplitz, Ted Kidd Lewis vs Steve Latso and Eddie Moy vs Harry Pierce.

The new Pennsyroes A. Secretary Pierce.

Milwaukee, July 9 .- Pitcher Ed

Atlantic City. N. J., July 9 —Redding was areat torm, shutting out the Paterson lants of Paterson, N. J., here, 5 to 0 lowing them only two ant drives. Taylor didns tenture. The according spatial

McMullen A. C., a first-class traveling Frank Conlin, 580 East Martin street, Rox-am, wants games. John Sawyer, 1712 becough Ryan A. C., ball park at Forty-eighth and Brown attreets, will play under the name of Scott & Powell Dairy. Have July 13 and other dates open for first-class traveling nines. J. Nicholson, 5126 Merion avenue.

Liberty Stars, a colored traveling team, has July 18, 19, 27. August 9, 10 and 16 open for home teams. P. Williams, 215 south Quince street.

Welcome A. C. has July 19 open for a well of the property of t Welcome A. C. has July 19 open for any ome team paying a guarantee. William avery, 2320 Fernon street. Miller A. C., a first-class team, is without a game for July 12 and 19 and would like to hear from Audubon, Harrawgate, Bacharach Giants and Wildwood, H. Kirk, 126 West Lippincott street.

Wallace B. C. has organized a stron team. Manager Pachter would like to arrange games with first-class teams offering a guarantee. Paul S. Pachter, 1309 North Marshall street. Tulpehocken Reds. a strong semipro-traveling team, is without a game for Sat-urday. William Kalbacher, 441 Cleveland

West Philadelphia Catholic Club has July 12 open for a first-class home club. R. J. Panzullo, Baring 7414 between 7 and 8 p. m.

Collins A. C., eighteen to twenty year old traveling team, would like to arrange games with teams of that age for a double header on Labor Day, V. R. Clements, 1331 Moore street.