

IT'S ALL WRONG : NOYES SILENCES WHITE SOX BATS AND WIN TAKES PART IN DEFEAT

NORRISTOWN SHADES NATIVITY HOPEFULS IN TWILIGHT CLASH

Before the Curtain of Darkness Is Pulled Down and Lantern Hung on the Ball Mule Watson's Generosity Hands Fray to Yeabsley's Men

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JUST before the shades of night were pulled down and a lantern hung on the ball to aid the home-team batters, Tom Mahaffey rolled a nice little grounder to Alie McWilliams and Alie tossed it underhanded to Nolan and a twilight baseball game came to an abrupt end.

There was plenty of excitement before the kibosh was hung on the men of Richmond. The 3000 spectators who surrounded the field were cheering wildly for a victory and it looked as if they would have their wish.

Twilight baseball is a big thing up in Port Richmond. The natives are very keen for it and turn out in droves. Four and five times a week they gather on the old lot, and if the big league games were as well attended the stockholders would get rich.

There are no grandstands in Richmond. There are no fences nor anything which even resembles a ball yard. There is a skinned diamond, a lumpy outfield, a backstop and a few seats along the right and left field foul lines.

Last night, the same as any other night, perfect order was maintained. No cops were necessary to keep the crowd back—they did it without being told.

OF COURSE, the umpire was handed a few verbal jolts, but the remarks were directed at the man behind the plate. No kicks were registered on the decisions on the bases.

Mule Watson's Generosity Cost Game MULE WATSON, who once twirled for the Phils, was on the mound for Nativity. He allowed but four hits, fanned seven, and handed out three bases on balls.

"That's the first time I ever have done a thing like that," Watson told us, "but at that I should have won. I pitched a good game and had those guys winging."

The Mule has been ordered to report to the Salt Lake club in the Pacific Coast League, but will not go until he finds out what kind of a lake it is. In the meantime, he will twirl for ten or twelve different semi-pro teams in this vicinity, just to keep in shape.

For two innings Watson was going great. He had the Norristown gang on the run and felt proud of himself. In the third, however, after one man had perished, Bauden hit an unadvised single and took second when McMeniman buried the sphere into the crowd.

BERT YEABSLEY, the peerless leader of Norristown, was lucky to get away with the verdict. He had to do some in-trick thinking to win the game, but was equal to the task.

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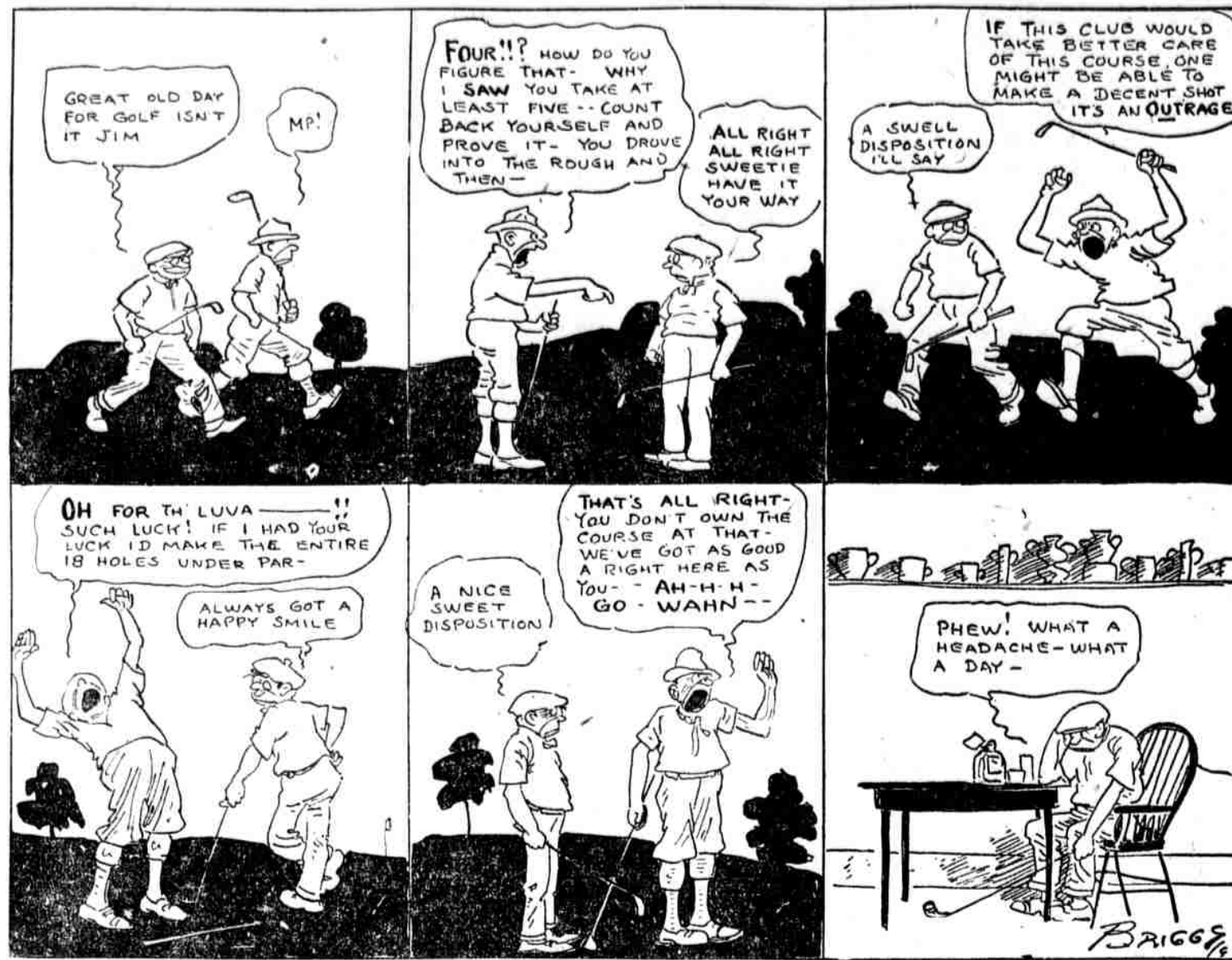
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SOMEBODY IS ALWAYS TAKING THE JOY OUT OF LIFE



EDDIE ROUSH AGAIN CREEPING NEAR TOP; TEN-POINT GAIN GIVES TYRUS COBB LEAD

Cravath Has Deserted Regulars, Though His .351 Mark Is Better Than Red Star's Rating at Bat

WILLIAMS IN SELECT

Club Batting Averages in National League

Club Batting Averages in National League Table with columns for Club, G, AB, R, H, SR, P.C.

NOW that Gavy Cravath has graduated from the ranks of the private to the commissioned circle, he has ceased to be rated with the regulars.



ZACK WHEAT

batters and has hit for an average of .323. This is one point above McHenry of the Cards.

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Allen Sothoron Only Ten Points Behind Cicotte in American League Pitching

Table showing pitching statistics for American League pitchers, including names like Nelson, Sothoron, Williams, Cicotte, and various stats like W, L, P.C., and last year's record.

Five Cincinnati Pitchers Found Among First Nine in the National League

Table showing batting averages for National League players, including names like Thompson, Borchers, Borchers, and various stats like G, AB, R, H, SR, P.C.

AMATEUR BASEBALL NOTES

Snare & Trist B. C., a fourteen-year-old traveling team, is without a game for August 10. K. C. has a fourteen-year-old traveling team, the M. M. Stars, 4811 Matherly street.

Sisler Drops Six Points and Now Trails Georgian With .355 Mark—Veach Is in Third Place

WALKER TOPS MACKS

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TY COBB is on top again, for the third time this season the sensational Georgian has regained the American League batting lead.



TY COBB

Eddie Collins is shooting right ahead, boosting his mark to .315. The averages, including Wednesday's games, follow:

Individual Batting Averages

Table showing individual batting averages for American League players, including names like Cobb, Sisler, Veach, and various stats like Player, Club, G, AB, R, H, SR, P.C.

WARD BEATS McANDREWS

Jerseyite Outboxes Manayunk Boy in Wind-Up at Cambria Eddie McAndrews, the Manayunk entry, failed to stop the winning streak of Jack Ward, the rugged Elizabeth, N. J., boy, in the windup at the Cambria open air club last night.

TY COBB MAY EQUAL COMBINED RECORD OF WAGNER AND LAJOIE

Georgian Has Chance to Do as Much in Fifteen Seasons as Hans and Larry Accomplished in Forty-One. Led League Twelve Times

IN THE SPOTLIGHT—BY GRANTLAND RICE

Ballade of Batting Eyes

Last birds from ancient days once sang Of eyes that dashing maidens knew; Deep soulful eyes of purple tan; Or summer heavens bathed in blue;

When Homer took his metric schang He had the bally world askew; The Grecian hills and valleys rang With lyrics from his rhythmic stew;

Where Juno stalked and Venus sprang And lovely ladies bathed in dew, No wonder that the rhyming gang Of vanished days picked up the clue;

Blue eyes or brown, of melting hue, You play no part amid my job; My readers have no time for you—I sing the batting eye of Cobb.

A Record Record

THERE are two names that always will live in the venerable archives of Swat. These two monickers are Napoleon Lajoie and Hans Wagner. Together their major league playing careers lasted forty-one years, and the record of their achievements with the wooden mace forms one of the spectacular features of the game.

Wagner and Lajoie— Here are two names that from 1896 to 1917 stood for the last word in batting ability. Wagner led his league eight times at bat. Lajoie led four times. Between them they led the two major leagues on twelve occasions.

World Series Habits

IN THE last ten years the East has drawn all the advantage in world series shows. From the last nine series played, fifteen clubs have come from the East against only three from the West—these three being the Cubs, in 1910; the White Sox, in 1917, and the Cubs again in 1918.

MR. FULTON is already on the ground, practicing quick starts to keep pace with the winner of the Carpenter-Beckett battle before Dempsey has a chance. But as Dempsey means about three times as much important kale, Fulton's chance to take on the winner isn't very robust.

Gillespie Returns to Giants

Binghamton, N. Y., Aug. 8.—The Binghamton baseball team of the International League has announced that it has returned infielder Gillespie to the player's return. It also was announced here that Toronto has secured the release of outfielder Holden to Rochester, of the same circuit.

Vic Sailer Quits Pirates

Pittsburgh, Aug. 8.—Vic Sailer, first baseman of the Pirates, quit the team here yesterday and left for his home. Sailer, who came to the Pirates by the release of outfielder Cobb, has been dissatisfied with conditions here.

Soldiers Lose to Woodstown

Woodstown, N. J., Aug. 8.—Woodstown routed the soldiers from Fort Mott in the last trench by a rally in a twilight contest, 4 to 3.

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