PHILS' PILOT HERE: READY TO BOLSTER CLUB FOR SEASON

Blows in on Wings of Blizzard to Attend Sports Writers' Dinner—Thinks Trades Can Be Made to Strengthen Weak Spots

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GAVVY CRAVATH, manager of the Phils, is among us again. The former resident of Laguna Beach, Calif., blew in last night with the blizzard and now is doing his best to become acclimated. High winds, freezing tem perature and coarse, hard snow are something new in his young life. This morning, however, after donning his flannels, earmuffs and wristlets, he ventured into the cold, dry world, visited the office of the Phils and conferred with President Baker. While no official statement was given out, we have it good authority that they discussed the baseball situation.

Cravath is here ahead of schedule in order to attend the sporting writers' banquet at the Hotel Bingham tonight. Fifty per cent of the dinner is held in his honor. Danny Murphy, the new coach of the Athletics, being the other

The manager of the Phils did not ruin his voice in discussing the prospects of the National League club next season. In fact he was about as talkative as Counic Mack on one of his good days, which proves that good managers must suffer temporary paralysis of the vocal chords occasionally in order to be a good manager. However, he talked on other things.

"I have been on a vacation," admitted Gavvy, "and have not given much thought to baseball. I needed a good rest and I took it. However, I could not help but gaze occasionally on the line-up for this coming season and wonder how I could strengthen the ball club. We need some new players, especially pitchers and one infielder, but I believe we can make a few trades and bolster some of the weak spots. I can't say what will be done, but I am here ready for work and will have laid my plans before the club leaves for the South next

'My home is near Les Augeles and I visited that city several times to learn what I could about the coast players. There are several good ones out there, but they belong to major league clubs. The others are not worth bothering about. It will take a couple of years to develop a crop of good minor leaguers, and in the meantime I suppose we will have to get along with the old birds.

"I WAS looking for a good infielder and a couple of pitchers, but none would do. The managers out there also believe in the high cost of ball players, and after viewing the stock on hand, it was just as funny as Woolworth trying to charge Tiffany prices.

Gavvy Has Great Boost for Young Bobby Meusel

CASEY STENGEL was out there for a short time, but I was unable to locate him, although I tried several times. However, he told some of the ball players that he would be with the Phils this year, and I think so, too. Casey is a good player when he wants to be and his salary differences un-doubtedly will be straightened out.

"Irish Meusel is in great shape and anxious to get started again. He laid off winter baseball, gave his arm a thorough rest and his throwing will be greatly improved. He will be a valuable man for the club this year. He is one of the best free swinging, right banded hitters in the league, and in addition, is a pretty good fielder. He likes it out in the right garden and that's where he will be stationed.

"Bobby Mensel, his brother, is a wonder. I noticed the eastern papers bave been raving about his playing and the dope is correct. The New York Yankees certainly picked up a jewel when they signed this boy. He is bigger and faster than Irish, has a better throwing arm and covers more ground in the outfield. But how that guy can throw! I never saw such an arm on a human being. He will be the sensation of the American League after a couple of months. "He is a right-handed hitter, and take it from me, he hits the ball as hard

as Babe Ruth. I know that's a big statement to make, but it's the truth. He hits 'em a mile and in the post-season series between Vernon and St. Paul he virtually won the championship for the Coast Leaguers. When I visited the ball park in Les Angeles some of the players showed me where Bobby Meusel clouted the ball, and believe me, that sphere traveled some. If he ever hits his stride, he and Ruth will form a walloping combination.

**BOBBY played in the outfield, putting up a conderful game. I don't know how good he is at third base, where I understand Miller Huggins intends to play him, but if speed and a great throwing arm are worth anything, he can't help but make good."

National Commission May Have No Chairman

DECORATED in warpaint or something like that and armed with some of our very best hardware, mostly hatchets and hammers, the magnates of the two major leagues gather in Chicago next week for the main purpose of deciding if Garry Herrmann is to be given the bum's rush from the chairman-ship of the National Commission. They don't give any one the bum's rush in the best social circles, which means that if Garry is to go his resignation will be accepted. The cards—pasteboards, not St. Louis—apparently were all icked to ease August out of the chair, but along comes Battling Ban Johnwith the announcement that he will vote to retain Herrin to the dope, this will cause a deadlock and the commission will have to worry

The National League apparently is solid for Herrmann's removal, with the exception of Herrmann. The Cincinnati magnate has offered his resignation, but it is whispered in the inner circles that it wouldn't be tough to coax him to stand pat. William F. Baker, the president of the Phillies, is one of the National League's committeemen selected to pick a successor to Horrmann, and he says he believes that a new man will be in the chairmanship next week. Mr. Baker leaves for Chicago Sunday and will have a talk with William Veeck, the Cubs' representative and also a member of the anti-Herrmann committee. before the joint meeting of the leagues,

"Next week will produce a successor to Herrmann, I think," said Mr. Baker. "If it does not, there'll be a warm time, and also if it doesn't the National League will take a strong stand. There is no hostility in this league toward Johnson, but he will be told that it is high time a new chairman for the National Commission was named

"If he has some good man for the place Heydler will vote for him, but the National League is in no moed to temporize further, and it isn't likely that, with the matters he now has to occupy his mind, he'll care to arouse the disapproval of the National League. And I think we can get some support right in his own league.'

John Heydler, the president of the National League, states that if Johnson votes for the retention of Herrmann there is sure to be a deadlock and the commission will have to go chairmanless for some time until the matter is

Nobody would fall off the earth if the commission had to go without a chairman for a spell," Heydler is quoted as saying. "As a matter of fact, unless we enter into a new agreement with the minor leagues, it would be nossible to get along indefinitely without a chairman. Baseball would go along just the same, perhaps better, if this chairmanship question continues to stir up this constant agitation and bickering. "Despite what may be said there will be a vacancy on the commission

after February 11. I have Mr. Herrmann's letter of resignation, in which he says specifically that he will sever his connection with the commission on the date of the joint meeting in Chicago. I have no reason to doubt Mr. Herr-

'So far as I know there is no change in the attitude of our club owners on the commission situation. At our annual meeting in December seven clubs reiterated their votes of last winter in favor of a man for chairman who has no financial interests in baseball. That is the league's platform, and I, as president of the league, will attempt to carry it out."

IN THE meantime: Johnson will gather his loyal supporters to protect him in the chairmanship scrap and also to aid him in any battle with Frazee, Ruppert and Huston, the three American League "rebels." Connie Muck and Tom Shibe, two of Johnson's faithful, leave here Saturday and will probably have a conference with the league

Local Tennis Votes Against Revision

DHIIADELPHIA and district representatives to the annual meeting of the United States National Lawn Tennis Association will go to New York to-morrow unalterably opposed to changes in rules proposed by the committee selected to make revisions and suggestions.

The main points in rule changes that will be discussed and voted upon at the gathering, which takes place at the Walderf-Astoria at 3 o'clock to ifternoon, will be the foot-fault, scoring and handleap rules. The Philadelbians who attend the meeting, armed with twenty-six votes, believe that the present rules are adequate and that it would be unwise at this time to make the radical changes that are proposed by the committee. They are also of the opinion that the handleap rules as suggested are not sufficiently well worked out to warrant the changes that would be made if the committee's ideas were adopted by the national body.

The proposed foot-fault rule, which would give the server an even greater

advantage than he has now, is not generally deemed sound. A great burden now rests on the receiver, and it is thought that to place a greater handicap on would make the game too dependent on the one feature-service.

Although every Philadelphian interested in tennis wants to see the Quaker City land the national singles, local representatives will not attempt to take the event away from the West Side Tennis Club, of Forest Hills, L. I., this pear. However, they will oppose with all of their power West Side's attempt to be granted the privilege of holding the tournament for the next five years.

The Philadelphia delegation consists of W. P. Rowland, Belfield; Paul

as, William H. Connell, Germantown Cricket Club; A. J. Batty, J. R. mer, Philadelphia Cricket Club; Paul Nowland, Wilmington Country penter, Philadelphia Cricket Club; Paul Nowland, Wilmington Country b; Howard W. Lewis, Merion Cricket Club; Artbur P. Hawes, Philadelphia

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Fast Athletes Will Compete in Millrose Games to Be Held

in New York

MEREDITH FAVORS EBY DR. O'BRIEN DUBIOUS Central High Sortheast High Germantown High

World's Greatest Middle distance Runner The coming Millrose games are attracting wide attention of both the athletes and fans in New York. Although New York has staged two indoor meets so far this year that have brought out some good performances, the American Legion and the Brooklyn College games, these have only acted as primers for the great games that the Millense Club will had on next free. primers for the great games than Millrose Club will hold on next Tues-

y night. The 600-yard invitation for the Post The 600-yard invitation for the Post trophy, as usual, will be the bir event. The race has been limited to six contestants, who are Earl Eby, Sellers, O'Brien, Campbell, Baker and Dave Caldwell. On past performances Earl Eby should win this race. The Penn runner is the best man in the race if he is in midseason form, but this is early in the year for Lawson Robertson to have his men up to top form and I am afraid that Eby will prove to be a bit short when he calls upon his reserve to carry through the last lap.

Campbell will be without a doubt in good shape, as he put in a senson of cross-country running as a member of the Yale freshman team and has had a good rest since then, which, with some work on the board track, will be sure to do him a world of good. Campbell made his first appearance in the East last year in this race, and finished second to Caldwell. Later he ran a world's record for 600 yards in Chiange and Eby will engo, but as it was a special paced can be compared to the compared to

Banks Wins at Central

Newell W. Banks, world's checker cham-lon, playing gisteen beards simultaneously t Central Y. M. C. A., won cleven and rew five. Tonight he will give some exhibi-ous blindroided.

T WILL be their fourth meeting in less than two months. On three pre-

vious occasions Bobby McCann, of Grays Ferry, and Joe Nelson, of

Southwark, have staged sizzling settes.

and tonight they are to put on another

encore before the cash customers and

others at the Germantown A. A. The

McCann-Nelson affair is so good they have been been signed to put it on at Binghamton, N. Y., next week. In the first half of an advertised double wind-up tonight Al Brown, of this city, will meet Tommy Warren, of At-

lantic City. Other bouts are Whitey Langdon vs. Reddy Backson, Kid Ritchie vs. Kid Wilson and Tommy Sullivan vs. Lco Reynolds.

CENTRAL HIGH FIVE IS HIT VERY HARD

Schwartz and Eddowes Lost | Standings of the Teams to Mirrors Because of Studies - Play Northeast High Tomorrow

CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL IS IN a triple tie for the ranner-up position in the Interscholastic Lengue race. It is two full games behind South Philadelphia High, the pace-setter, and five league contests remain to be played. Under ordinary circumstances, with a few good breaks, such a handleap would not be very difficult to overcome, espe-cially when it is considered that the Southwark quintet has lost its two best players through graduation. At least, the Mirrors would have a fighting chance of coming through on top.

But it looks as if the Crimson and old has been put out of the running Gold has been put out of the running for the 1920 cage championship. Even Dr. Matthew O'Brien thinks so, and usually the Central coach is very confident as to the ability of his athletes.

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Sellers who has been touted all winter by the New York critics as the man to watch this season, proved to be way off in his only start this year, and I do not think that he will furnish much excitement to his followers in with this field. Baker, although running fast over the 1000, will experience his old trouble, the short turns of the Garden track and will not trouble the others unless it is on the first turn, where he has a habit of jamming thiggs up.

O'Brien, the Brooklyn runner, is the man that I favor in this race. He is the only one that has given a good account of himself so far this year over the shorter distances, and won in good shape a 600 in the American Lexion meet in the fast time of 1.14 1-5. The Millrose race last year was won by Dave Caldwell in 1.16 4-5, which means that the race has to be faster this year in order to keep O'Brien out of first place.

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TOMORROW'S SCHEDULE

INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE

OTHER GAMES

League has Lansdale been in organized

Columbus, O., Feb. 5. — A stadium for Ohio State University's future football games, with a scating caractity of 59,000, virtually was assured last hight when the Legislature appropriated \$14,000 for the project on condition that alumni and citisms of Columbus subscribe \$600,000. The Alumni Association has given assurance that the \$500,000 will be raised. not the Legion post.

Marcus Williams has a well-balan prelim card for next week as follows: You buck Fleming vs. Jack Perry, Tommy Lu vs. Johny Kelly and Al (Kid) Gross Jimmy Welsh. PARIS Johnny Griffith, America, scored technical knockout over Marcel Thomas,

Frankie Murray, who is being handled by Willie Edwards, has been matched to meet Little Jeff in the semifinal to the Pal Moore-Roy Moore bout at Baltimore tomorrow sight. rance DETROIT—Willie Beecher, New York, was isqualified for fouling in the tenth round in his bout with Johnny Mendelsohn, Mil-author.

Joe Tinlitz's second bout of the week be with Benny Valger at the National urday right. Valger is picked to win cause of his deverness, but it is a clinch Benny will have no clinch contest. Tip regular rough guy in the ring.

Battling Murray will meet a clever op-ponent in Jimmy Mendo at the National Sat-urday nieht. The semi will be between Frankle Howell and Battling Reddy, with the other bouts as follows: Billy Rolfe vs. Stockwards Johnny Rose and Tennus Mur-ray ve Kid Wofe, Jack McDermett is handling Wofe.

Billy Brennan, the Chicago heavyweight, is expected here for a bout some time this month. K. O. Sansom may be his opponent at the National. Willie Allen, erstwhile Battling Terky, of Baltimore, will resume boxim next Tues, comehack. Ik-tere putting away the glovely at the Auditorium A. A. His opponent Pat boxed some of the best weiters will be Harry Sullivan, who sho will stage town.

in Scholastic Leagues | Sons of Late Senator to Oppose

Catholic Club, Haggerty Announces

1thil Haggerty, manager of Nativity baseball team and chairman of the athctic committee, which controls all the ports in the club, announced yesterday that Ed Flanigan, manager of the basketball five, has arranged a game be tween the Nativity C. C. and a five made up of the five famous McNichol Phila, Bigh at Germantown High, (Both teams). West Phila, High at Frankford High. ral High at Northeast High. (Both of

made up of the five famous McNichol brothers. The battle will be waged tomorrow night at Nativity hall at Allegheny avenue and Belgrade street.

Haggerty says the team is in great shape. Dick Flanigan, the star forward of Nativity, will try to outplay and score a few field goals against Eddie McNichol, former La Salle College and Penn star. Dan McNichol, who played such a prominent part in Penn's victory over Yale last Saturday night, will play at guard opposed to Davis.

As a preliminary to this game, the Nativity Reserves will meet the McNichol Brothers' Reserve Five. This game should prove interesting, as the Nativity has been cleaning up with all the fives they have been playing in the Lower Merion High at Lancaster High,
Ridley Park High, at Woodbury High,
Contesville High, at Brown Prep.
Norristown High at Reading High,
Jenkintown High at Reading High,
Huntineden Valley High at Narberth High,
St. Luke's School at Germuntown Friends,
Haddon Heights High girls at Narberth
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WEST HAS IT ON EAST IN ALL-STAR TALENT

Only Four of Baseball's Best Are From This Section. Dempsey Makes More in Half Hour Than Cobb in 2000 Games

By GRANTLAND RICE

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(In line with Corbett, Jeffries, Johnson, Willard, Dempsey, Gotch, Steeher,

Out where the punch is a little rougher, Out where the jawbone's a trifle tougher "That's where the West begins"; Out where the wallop has more precision Leading the way into fields Elysian (I mean in the heavyweight division), "That's where the West begins."

Out where Gotch was the lion-hearted. Out where the famous toe-hold started. "That's where the West begins";
Out where Stecher and Caddock nailed 'em,

Out where the Scissors Hold impaled 'em, Out where the Nelson never failed 'em,
"That's where the West begins."

More of It

COME time ago," comments an observer, "you lined up an all-star baseball team. Did it ever occur to you that on that team Killefer, Schalk, Johnson, Alexander, Cicotte, Sisler, Peckinpaugh, Hornsby and Speaker came from the West, while only Collins, Grob, Cobb and Ruth came from the East? This leaves the margin 9 to 4 for the West, even in a baseball way. I am referring to the locations of their birthplace, not the cities they now rentered to the cities to the cities the could also wallop the ball.

Hagen was undecided for some time as to which game he would pick, but finally veered over to golf.

Brady as a kid was a coming young pitcher. He had a one-hit and a two-hit game to his credit in fairly fast company. birthplace, not the cities they now rep-

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As to Pay in Sport

TF DEMPSEY draws \$300,000 for his The New Twist

IF WALTER HAGEN and Mike

Out the last open championship, had come along ten years earlier they would both have entered baseball in place of the profession they finally picked.

Hagen was a first-class ball player, and one of the freak turns about his



Are Cloth Hats Going to be the Vogue? Mr. Hammell and Mr. Neuman, as seen leaving the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Philadelphia, are out to revolutionize the Cloth Headwear business of America, in appreciation of the demands of well-dressed men for cloth hats. Those being worn by Mr. Hammell and Mr. Neuman are tailored from their new English material "Fuzz Finn." Their newest product is a soft silk opera hat to replace the old stiff opera hat. Mr. Hammell and Mr. hat to replace the old stiff opera hat. Neuman are associated with N. Price Son & Co., Philadelphia, Tailors of cloth headwear .- Adv.

