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UNCLE ROBBY ADMITS HIS TWIRLING STAFF IS BEST IN BASEBALL

Can't Pick 'Em Any Better, Says Wilbert Concerning Dodger Hurlers-, Needs Right Fielder and Third Baseman to Round Out Club

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INCLE WILBERT ROBINSON was a group picture of excessive joy and com-U placency as he leaned against the strongest section of the fence surrounding Barr Field and watched his happy young athletes frolic through their daily practice. A jolly time was being had by all, but Uncle Wilbert had it all over his athletes like a Navajo blanket. He was enjoying himself without resorting to manual labor, which again proves it's pretty soft when one is a big league manager.

'You see," Uncle Robbie explained through a face creased with smiles, "this isn't what you would call a ham and egg aggregation, nor is there anything about it which has even the faintest resemblance to a bush league outfit. The boys are acting right pert and smart for this time of the year, and I am able to face the future without fear or trembling. It's a swell-looking ball club, and will cause a lot of trouble in the National League this season if"-and Robbie wiped away his smile, gazed anxiously around and fell into deep silence. "If what?" we asked rudely, expecting the same old stuff about pitchers and

things like that, which seems to be the best line of chatter handed out by managers at this time of the year. But we were in for a big surprise. Robbie shifted his weight to the other foot with one full and complete motion, draped himself

more becomingly on the fence and replied: "If we can discover a good right fielder and a third baseman." "But the pitchers?" we inquired anxiously. "What about the pitchers?" "Well, what about 'em?" demanded Robbie aggressively. "Got anything to say about 'em? No, because you can't. Greatest pitching staff I ever saw, greatest in the league. Greatest in the United States.

'Greatest in the world. I'd start boosting 'em only I want to spring a sur prise when the season opens. Never saw anything like 'em. Have a look.

We looked. Close by, a number of young gentlemen started to throw balls to three catchers. They were stalwart gents, and a stranger judging from their physiques would imagine he was attending the annual field day of the piano movers' union. Big Jeff Pfeiffer, Leon Cadore, Al Mamaux, Sherrod Smith, Rube Marquard, Clarence Mitchell and John Miljus, whizzed them into the waiting mitts, and they certainly looked like champions.

"Ain't that a swell gang?" asked Uncle Robbie proudly. "Can't pick 'em any better than that. And that ain't all. We have Burleigh Grimse, George Mohart, a Buffalo semipro, who probably will stick ; Joe Conlan, a southpaw from Chicago; Bob Stine, of Chattanooga : Paul Schreiber, a Jacksonville semipro, and Harry Heitman, who was with Rochester last year.

"OF COURSE we can keep all of these pitchers, but if a couple come through I'll be satisfied."

Infield Not So Good

BROOKLYN surely has a great pitching staff, and it compares favorably with those in either league. Pfeiffer, Cadore and Smith are in a class by themtonight A. A. selves, and Mamaux, Marquard and Mitchell, to say nothing of Grimes, cannot be overlooked. They are all experienced hurlers, and with any kind of a team dover are behind them will win many ball games. Robbie expects to have that team if he Bully can plug up the positions at third base and right field. vs. Jimmy Maxie Jaffe

Brooklyn must have been working hard down here, for the players showed more pep and were in better condition than any I have seen in my travels thus The infielders did not nurse their arms, but put everything they had on the ball, the catchers threw accurately to the bases and the outfielders hurled the pill to the plate with reckless abandon.

The men also had their eye on the ball and biffed many bingles, which going some when one considers the pitchers are in pretty fair shape. It would be perfectly proper to enthuse over the chances of Brooklyn this

were it not for the infield. That will cause most of the trouble. Ed. onetchy will take care of first base, and Ivy Olson, who has been shifted from short, is doing wonderful work at second. The change not only will do the veteran good, but also will strengthen the keystone position. Those two places are cinched, but shortstop and third base must be looked after.

Chuck Ward has been stationed in the short field, where he seems to be getting by. Chuck, however, was operated upon recently to take a few kinks out of his knee, and has not fully recovered. He is not quite sure of himself on ground Marcus Williams is arranging a five-bout program for the Auditorium next Tuesday night. His star bout will be between Wil-lis McCloskey and Al. Brown, who stopped Eddle Joyce in two rounds. Other bouts are: Joe Marky vs. Young Tom Sharkey. Young Barney Relly vs. Ray O'Malley. Skinny Davison vs. Joe Rowlands and Young Joe Tuber vs. Young Joe Bradley. balls, but Robbie says he will be all right when the season opens.

D^{OUG} BAIRD, the third baseman who saw service in St. Louis and Philadelphia, is subbing for Ward and playing a nice game.

Speedy Outfielder Uncovered

NOW we come to third base. Jimmy Johnston has been stationed at that corner whirlwind Robbie believes he will be a valuable man because of his bitting, and will keep him there until he foozles. Jimmy, however, is learning fast, and may develop. Pete Kilduff is playing the bag like a whiriwind for the Yanigans, but his weak stickwork is held against him. If Johnston fails to make good, it wouldn't be surprising to see Baird inserted in the line-up. Doug is a pretty good fielder, hirs Ritchie vs. 1 " Mike Charley Ray. well and knows how to run the bases. Captain Zach Wheat and Hi. Meyers have their old jobs in left and center. and it looks as if Bernie Neis would fill the spot left vacant by Tom Griffiths. Bernie comes from Saskatoon, in the Canadian League, where they start the what ball games at 7 p. m. He is twenty-three years old and a very speedy bloke. His home is in Bloomington. Ill., and has a record of 5 2-5 seconds for the fifty-yard dash, made while a member of the Illinois A. C. Last year up in the sticks he won the 100-yard dash in baseball togs in ten seconds flat, ran to first in three and one-fifth seconds and circled the bases in fourteen seconds. In addition, he stole fifty-six bases and hit .297. If Bernie can bust the bulb with any degree of regularity, he should be a star some day. Robbie is devoting a lot of time on him and thinks he will make good.

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WELL HERE I AM- AY OWNER DAID 50 DULLARS FOR ME I HOPE HE'LL NOT TREAT ME RECHLESS AND BET ON EVERY PAIR HE GETS	HA! GOOD WORK! HE HELD THREE TANS AGAINST THREE NINES AND ACES UP. HE HAD A GOOD PLAY ON IT HE IS UERY HAPPY	Too BAD, HE HELD A PAT FLUSH AND GOT BADLY ROOMED. HE OUGHTN'T HAVE STAID SO LONG. HE OVER PLAYED HIS HAND.	WORSE AND WORSE! SUCH LANGUNGE HE IS USING - HE JUST LOST A LOT OF ME ON A KING HIGH STRAIGHT. THE OTHER CHAP HELD A LITTLE FULL HOUSE
HELP! I AM SINKING TO NOTHING - MY BOSS IS WILD HE IS THINKING OF GETTING A NEW STACH BUT -	-HE WON ON TWO LITTLE PAR! WENT SHY IN THE POT AND, WON! HE'S LANGHING LINE A H'D	HIS LUCK IS BACK HE CERTAINLY HAS THE LUCK ON THE DRAW THE REST OF THE GANG ARE SORE	HE HELD FOUR ACES MAT AGAINST TWO FULL HOUSES AND A FLUSH - HIS EYES ARE SLASSY AND HIS HAND IS SHAKING LIKE A LEAF
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"Joe Cervino will be my official time-Scraps About Scrappers

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TULES Ritchie is a visitor in Philadelphia today from Lancaster. After seeing the Liberty Bell and other sights

Joe Welling, writes Sammy Hahn, will be in prime form tomorrow night when the clongated Chicagoan meets Fete Hartley, the Danc, at the National Club. Hahn has a number of bouts scheduled for Welling, and Sammy feels confident that he will succeed in getting a championship match for Joe with Benny Leonard. in the Quaker City this afternoon, Jules for

in the Quaker City this afternoon, Jules will wend his way up to Keasington, get in ring regalia and answer the bell at the Cambria Club against Joe Borrell. Borrell is getting into shape prepara-tory to a western sojourn. The Borrell-Ritchie contest will be the star scrap to the following bouts: Reddy Holt vs. Ritz Walters. Eddie Dever vs. Kid West, Tommy Loughran vs. Young Welling and Joe Coster vs. Joe Lang-don. Jimmy Jordan, of Pittaburgh, will appear n the main prelim, at the National to-norrow night. He is scheduled to take on Solie Joyce. Other bouts are Young Joe Borrell vs. Eddle McAndrews, Jimmy Gib-dins vs. Joe Augatis and Jack Cullen vs. Flinkey Kaufman.

Young Miller, weighing but 136 pounds, won the weiterweight championship of the American E. F. in Paris last year. Mil-ier is a Philséelphian, has the medal to prove he is an A. E. F. titleholder, and wants to meet the best boys his weight in the city.

Joe Bradley, 112 pounds, and Kid 18 pounds, are prepared for com-scainst any one in their respective George Eberhardt is looking after

New Hayen, Monn., March 26.-Two games ed last night, and the

London, March 26.—The New Zealand and Olympic council has resolved to send a team to the Olympic games to be held in Antwerp, says a dispatch to the London Times from Wellington.

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Sherwood C. C., a first-class travel-ine, would like to hear from teams at callbre, offering reasonable susr-J. E. Kent, 715 DeKalb street.

The Bosley A. C. has organized for the oming season, and is ready to book sames with first-class home teams for Saturday and Sunday dates in April and May. Harry Campicita, 1806 South Thirteenth street.

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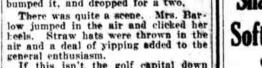
nehurst, N. C., March 26. - Mrs. Hurd and Miss Elaine V. Rosen

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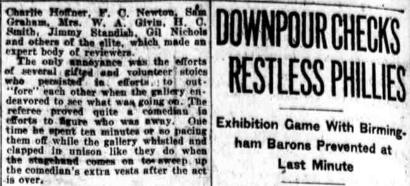


general enthusiasm. If this isn't the golf capital down here then there isn't any. The clear air, warmed by sweet summine, makes it perfect links weather. Flowers, green grass, flannel suiting and the chirping of the robins makes it difficult to figure

4000 Fanatics

There are more than 4000 golf fanat-There are more than 4000 golf fanat-ics in this belt, all of them with but a single thought—golf. In the army treeping along yesterday behind the match were a couple you might know. There was Walter Hagen, Jim Barnes, Francis Ouimet, Mike Brady, Leo Die-gel. Eddie Loos, Emmet French,





ham Barons Prevented at Last Minute

Birmingham, March 26 .- The Phillies ere unable to stage their little go with

the Birmingham Barons for the same reason that has interfered with a considerable portion of their work here this siderable portion of their work here this spring, excessive and inopportune rains. Almost until game time the skies were-fairly clear, and there was little threat. ening of rain. However, as time rolled around a little sprinkling took place, and at 3:15 approached this sprinkling changed to a downpour, which, in turn, gave glace to a veritable young cloud, burst, completely and efficiently reduce, ing Rickwood Field to a marsh. Craveth and his men skurried for shelter and remained there until oppor-tunity offered for a break for home. At the Hillman Hotel a miserable afternoon was passed, little merriment within and none whatever without, only a steadily falling drizzle. An exhibition game is scheduled for Saturday, when the Phillies will again attempt to meet the Birmingham Barons. This will be the third time that the two teams have clashed here.





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WALLACE HOOD, who outfielded up in Moose Jaw last season, also is a candidate for the outfield, but probably will be back in Moose Jaw soon.

Best Club Since 1916

ROWDY ELLIOT, once with the Cubs, also was purchased from Oakland last year, is assisting Miller and Kreuger with the catching. Rowdy looks pretty good. and probably will stay. Jim Taylor, who was with Charlotte last year, and Paul Beyers, another Canadian product, also are toiling behind the plate, with the odds in favor of Beyers sticking with the club.

Thus it can be seen that Brooklyn has a good pitching staff, two of the best outfielders in the league and one good prospect, a good bunch of catchers and an encertain infield. The pitchers should carry the club through early in the season, and if the infield is plugged up the team will be dangerous.

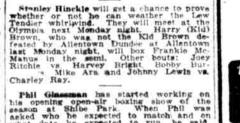
"I"'S the best club I have had since 1916, and I don't know but it is better than the pennant winner." said Rabbie. "If we only can fill those two spots, look out for us and make room in the first division."

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