

LOOKS AS IF WILBERT ROBINSON WILL DEFEAT PAT MORAN FOR MIRACLE MAN TITLE OF 1920

WILBERT ROBINSON'S PREDICTION OF LAST SPRING COMES TRUE AS BROOKLYN DODGERS NEAR PENNANT

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GIVE a team a good pitching staff, a couple of hard-hitting outfielders, fair catchers and a mediocre infield and it will be dangerous in any league. That's why I feel we will make a good showing in the pennant race this year.

Wilbert Robinson, manager of the Brooklyn club, delivered that oration to us nine Jacksonvilles last March. All he had then were nine high-class pitchers, Hi Myers and Zach Wheat in the outfield and a very uncertain infield. Otto Miller, Kreuger and Rowdy Elliot were the catchers—good steady players, but not very brilliant. Robby, however, was enthusiastic over his hurling corps, and the longer he talked the more optimistic he became.

"It's the best club I have had since 1916," he continued, "and I don't know but it is better than the pennant winner. If we can get a good third baseman and a right fielder there will be nothing to it."

Funny how you can remember statements like that when they are worth remembering. Robby's dope was not taken seriously at the time, although it was known that the pitchers would keep the club in the first division for a couple of months, anyway. And such was the case. In April, May and June the Dodgers never were lower than third, and since then they have been first or second. The pitchers helped a whole lot, but there also came through when least expected.

Down South, Robby admitted he was weak at third base and in right field. He had Koney at first, Olson at second, Ward at short and Johnston at third. Johnston was expected to explode, but he didn't. Ward was expected to come through with flying colors, but didn't. Therefore, Olson was shifted to short, Kilduff went to second and that shift made it possible to win ball games.

To my mind, the one man who had more to do with the success of the Brooklyn club this year than any one else is Ivy Olson. Little credit has been given the veteran, but he is one of the best players in the league. He does the thinking for the infield, and, believe us, thinking has been needed on many occasions.

He also knows how to steady the pitchers when the going becomes rough, and even the hurlers will admit it. Olson's aggressiveness has helped considerably.

ALL Brooklyn has to do now is win one-half of the remaining games and it will be a cinch. Cincinnati and the Giants will have to put on lengthy winning streaks to be considered—and winning streaks are not being put on these days.

HELD ON TO HIS PITCHERS
THROUGHOUT the season Robby and his boss, Charley Ebbets, hung on to the pitchers and refused to sell at any price. President Baker, of the Phillies, tried hard to get one of the second string men, offering \$10,000, but Ebbets laughed at him.

"The strength of my club lies in the pitching staff," said Ebbets, "and every man will remain. I might have too many now, but he is needed when the double-headers pile up. Perhaps we will be in a position to step out in front later in the season by grabbing some of those double bills."

Ebbets was right. He made a swell guess and proved

the value of high-class curvers. Grimes, Pfeiffer, Cadore, Mammox, Smith and Marquard have been in shape almost all year, and Smith has turned in two shut-out games this week. That's going some.

Burling Grimes has been the consistent winner, his spitball working better than ever before. It's a shame to see a man like that step out of the league, for after this year spitballers will have to find some other profession. Pfeiffer and Cadore got off to bad starts, but soon recovered and joined the winners. Robby knew what he was talking about down in Jacksonville when he spilled that stuff about having a good team and a dangerous one.

PETE KILDUFF and Jimmy Johnston had exceptionally good years, and Tom Griffith played up the outfield which was partly filled by Bernie Neis. Robby had a hard job on his hands this season, but came through with flying colors.

Legion Dinner for Olympic Stars
THROUGH the efforts of the American Legion, Philadelphia will have the first chance to see the Olympic stars in action since they carried the Stars and Stripes to victory in the international track and field games at Antwerp. This chance will be presented at Franklin Field tomorrow, when the first annual American Legion Field Day games will be held.

Almost all of the United States representative athletes who now are in this country will be in the competition.

The big event on the program is the sixteen-mile marathon from Villanova to Franklin Field, in which three of the four athletes who wore the American emblem in the twenty-six-mile chase over in Europe will contest. These three are Carl Linder and A. C. Roth, of Boston, and Joe Organ, of Pittsburgh. Organ finished eleventh in Belgium and Linder seventh. Roth started the race, but was not in very good shape and was forced to quit.

The marathon will finish with one turn around the Franklin Field track. If the athletes run according to Hoyle the leaders should appear in Ben Franklin's playground around 2 o'clock. After all runners have come in or quit, the other events will be put on. Besides the regular track and field contests, there will be service exhibitions such as bugle competition and bayonet race.

The American Legion has expended a great amount of effort and money to make the affair a success. The organization has gone further than that, for it has taken the first step to welcome the Olympic athletes back to this country and celebrate the victory of America in the games. Tomorrow night after the games a dinner will be given to the athletes at the Union League, and many of the city's celebrities will be on hand.

HON. JOSEPH P. RODGERS will act as toastmaster. An invitation was sent to Mayor Moore, but the city's executive will be out of town at the time, and E. J. Cattell, who holds the long-distance record for attending banquets, will pick-talk in place of the Mayor.

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OH, MAN!



GAY-PLATT TILT ATTRACTS INTEREST AT WHITEMARSH

Philadelphia Champion, Clary, Jones and Reynolds Expected to Win in Upper Bracket of Golf Tourney for the Geist Cup

Interest in the first round of match play of the annual invitation golf tournament for the Geist Cup centered around the match between J. Wood Platt, of North Hills, Philadelphia, and Jimmie Gay, of the Cricket Club, who teed-off while the dew was still wet on the grass this morning.

Gay, who shoots a pretty brand of golf, is sort of an unknown quantity in the tournament, as he has appeared in few tournaments this year. Just how good he is going is a matter of conjecture, but he showed that his long lay-off had not impaired his golfing eye when he jumped into the first sixteen among a field of formidable players yesterday.

Platt was just as deadly as ever, having played consistently all the way and finishing in a four-cornered tie for second place in the qualifying round. Another match holding the attention of the golfers is that between J. J. Young, of Frankford, who lifted the medal in the Lu Lu invitation, and Edward Clary, of Bala, winner of that event.

Spencer L. Jones, of Plymouth, who has been playing a steady game all season and who shot the scintillating score of 74 yesterday, which was good enough to lead his nearest competitors by three strokes, and C. B. Hawley, of the Cricket Club, who finished thirty-first in the first sixteen.

Norman H. Maxwell, of the home club, who went to the final last year and there gave Walter Reynolds a stirring extra hole battle before bowing to defeat, started against a clubmate in C. H. Wheeler, Jr., of Whitemarsh, and Walter Reynolds, of Ardmore, present holder of the cup, rises as one of the favorites in the upper-bracket.

On the sixth hole J. J. Beattie, the youthful Lancaster player, had a luck break, considering the heavy penalty of the out-of-bounds rule. His drive hit a bench and landed back on the tee. It was hard on the furniture, but the bench saved Beattie a couple of extra strokes, as it prevented the ball from going out of bounds.

Landowne A. A. will play Strawbridge & Clothier at Sixty-third and Walnut streets tomorrow. The hardest Johnson and Gilmore will be the battery for Landowne, while Strawbridge & Clothier will depend upon Williams and Auger.

Armstrong and Hobens to Meet Vardon and Ray

At a meeting of the greens committee of the Huntingdon Valley Country Club, Dwight L. Armstrong and Jack Hobens, the club professional, were chosen to meet Harry Vardon and Edward Ray in a best ball match over the club course Wednesday, September 22.

Play will be divided morning and afternoon, 10 a. m. and 2 p. m. This will be Vardon and Ray's first appearance over a golf course in the vicinity, and extensive arrangements have been made for their reception.

SAMSON MAY BE BARRED

If K. O. Boxer Falls to Appear Tonight He Will Be Banned by Director

There is a rumor that K. O. Samson, who is billed to meet Joe Borrell at the Cambria Open-Air Arena, will not be on hand.

Manager Burns, who has a contract signed by Samson, took the matter up with Director Cortelyou, and was informed by the director if Samson did not put in an appearance and fulfill his contract he would be barred in this city. In case Samson does not put in appearance, Len Rawlins, of Milwaukee, will be on hand to take his place.

MRS. MALLORY PICKED BY "OUR BILL" TO WIN

Tilden Believes Former Miss Molla Bjurstedt Will Meet Miss Marion Zinderstein in Final Round and Defeat Conqueror of Last Season

This article is the fourth of a series of ten which are being written for the Evening Public Ledger by William T. Tilden, 2d, of the Germantown Cricket Club, since his victories in the British and Davis Cup matches and his triumph over Billy Johnston in the national singles at Forest Hills.

Today's article dwells upon the women's national championship which now is being decided at St. Martin's.

In my opinion, Mrs. Mallory is a successful tennis player, dealing with strokes, service, court generalship and the method of keeping in the best physical condition for the big matches.

By WILLIAM T. TILDEN, 2d
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Women's Championship

THE women's national championship is under way, and I am writing from a distance, so if this article is all wrong when published please put it down to a faulty prophetic sense and not ignorance.

I expect to see Mrs. Frankie I. Mallory, formerly Miss Molla Bjurstedt, again our national champion.

I think her opponent in the final round will be her conqueror, last season, Miss Marion Zinderstein. I look for a close match with Mrs. Mallory victor. I deeply regret Mrs. George Wightman's inability to defend her title.

I pick Mrs. Mallory because in my opinion she has a slight superiority on any woman that we have seen in America. Her greatest handicap is surpassed while she has strength and endurance in excess of her demands.

Miss Zinderstein has a more versatile game. She is a better volleyer while overhead she is infinitely superior. She has not the wonderful resourcefulness of Molla nor her wonderful ground strokes.

Fine Volleyer
Miss Eleanor Tennant is a fine tennis player and has a unique personality, one that it is a pleasure to meet in the East. She is a fine volleyer and has a peculiar chop stroke from the baseline, but she is not quite in the very first flight.

Miss Helen Boher is also an excellent player with fine strokes, but is also slightly below the level of the first flight.

MAN O' WAR ENTERED IN POTOMAC HANDICAP

Unbeaten Three-Year-Old to Carry 138 Pounds at Havre de Grace Tomorrow

Havre de Grace, Md., Sept. 17.—Samuel D. Riddle, of Philadelphia, wired yesterday that his unbeaten three-year-old Man O' War, hero of the "Potomac Handicap," will be the favorite in the Havre de Grace Handicap, which will be run tomorrow at Havre de Grace, Md.

It is generally agreed that Man O' War has set before him for Saturday the task of making the Havre de Grace Handicap a record. If no rain falls tomorrow the going will be as fast as it ever is and it is a certainty that with Man O' War running in the Potomac the Harford Agricultural and Breeders' Association will be called on to entertain the greatest crowd that will ever have assembled at the Havre de Grace course.

Jackson Outights Belmont
Jersey City, N. J., Sept. 17.—Willie Jackson, New York lightweight, outfigured Gene Belmont of Memphis in a two-round bout last night. Jackson weighed 138 pounds, and his opponent 181. The New Yorker had a right hand reach and administered much body punishment.

RACES TODAY

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FOUR FOOTBALL TEAMS STAND ABOVE OTHERS

Center College, Penn State, Yale and Minnesota Will Have Powerful Gridiron Elevens, According to Advance Dope

OUR idea of news in a headline is this: "Harvard Will Miss Casey." CHICK EVANS seems to be a bum punter just as Man O' War is a slow sprinter and Jack Dempsey is a weak hitter. If Chick is a poor punter John D. is down to his final dime.

THIS column hopes soon to have an article from "Babe" McDonald, of the American Olympic team, entitled, "How Weight Throwers Can't Train on a Sardine for Breakfast."

IN FACT, it is said to be very difficult for weight-throwers to get very far along on even two sardines for breakfast. Unless, of course, the sardines were incipient swordfish.

"WHAT sporting event would collect the largest crowd?" queries an exchange. Our pick is "Babe" Roth riding Man O' War down Fifth avenue, paced by Jack Dempsey and George Carpentier doing a bit of road work.

IN THE two major leagues each of the contenders seems to be waiting wearily for the others to crack under the justly celebrated strain.

MAN O' WAR would like to get in touch with the author of a certain ancient slogan known as "The race is not always to the swift." He has some information of interest to impart.

North Phils at Nativity
Phil Magarity is going to give the North Phils another chance to win from Nativity tomorrow afternoon. The Sebring brothers had won twelve straight matches by the Richmond Athletic Club yesterday. Albia was forthcoming, so the party decided.

On Sunday Nativity will entertain Norfolk, composed of local stars who last season witnessed last Sunday's clash and all of the victors have a host of local admirers.

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