# THE PHILLIES MAY NOT WIN THE PENNANT, BUT DONOVAN INSISTS ON BEING OPTIMISTIC

## DONOVAN WILL WORK HARD WITH PITCHERS

### *Main Object of Smiling and Optimistic Phillies' Manager Is to Get His Hurlers in Condition—Infield Practice Today*

By SPICK HALL

Gainesville, Fla., March 10.

A LOT has been written and said about the perennial smiles worn by Wild Bill Donovan, manager of the Phillies, and Willie Shettsline, business manager. There is a reason for this ever-ready display of near risibility. They are both optimists.

Donovan is even optimistic about the Phillies. He does not claim that he is going to win the pennant, nor does he make any claim, definitely, but reading between the lines of his conversation the answer is that he intends to get all out of his men that is in them and that he will keep on the alert for new talent.

"My main object here will be to get my pitchers in shape. Last season this ball club made a lot of runs but they didn't have the pitching to prevent the other fellows from making more. If it is possible I intend to remedy this condition. I feel sure that we have the offense, but we must develop the defense and by defense I mean pitching mostly.

**Has Confidence in Causey**

"I feel sure that Red Causey will do good work for me. When he was with the Giants and last year when he came to Philadelphia he wasn't altogether satisfied with conditions. At first he hesitated about signing with me but I saw him in Savannah and after I had had a talk with him he sent his signed contract to Mr. Baker. He is a good pitcher with a lot of stuff and I expect him to do good work for me.

"Jimmy Ring is another pitcher that should win a number of games. Last year he was called upon to do more pitching than any other one of Pat Moran's pitchers. He always went in there and di his best but he had to go in so much he became dissatisfied. He told me that he was tickled to death when he heard that he was being sent to Philadelphia. If he likes it, which I feel sure he does, he will make us a good man.

"I am hoping, too, to develop some of the young pitchers that I have down here with me. The weather is perfect and I know that I will have a good chance to see what each one of them has.

"By the way I have one of the best men in the country to help me in doing this. That is Irvin Wilhelm. 'Kaiser' they call him. Wilhelm was with me at Jersey City and I must say that he is one of the most conscientious ballplayers I have ever known. But that isn't all. Wilhelm has ability. He has been pitching for a long time and I don't expect to put him in at all, but he will be invaluable in coaching the pitchers. He is quiet but extremely likable, just the kind of man that a pitcher will listen to when he gives him advice. Later in the season when we get going, I intend to send Wilhelm out to do some scouting. When he goes out I know that he will do what I tell him and do it right.

**To Get Hurlers Right**

"Until all of the men are here it is hard for me to outline any particular plan except, as I said, that I want to get the pitchers going right.

"So far as I can see, our second base combination, with Fletcher at short and Rawlings at second, is about the best in sight.

"Paulette is a good first baseman, too, and I don't know that we will try to make any change there.

"As for third base I cannot say what is going to happen. We have Ralph Miller, Jack Miller and Wrightstone. Now Jack Miller is not quite as young as he used to be and I am not certain that he would be able to go through an entire campaign.

"Jack Miller is a fine spring player. I figure that we might put him in there and let him go for a couple of months and by that time one of the other men would be ready to go in and give Jack a rest. Of course, there is this problem that if we were on a winning streak, I would hate to take Jack Miller out or anyone else. For that matter, I don't believe in breaking up a winning combination at any time, whether it is during the season or after.

"What is the difference if a player is getting a little old and slowing up? If the club is winning what more can you expect? That was what I never could see about the Boston club in 1903. They were winning and, yet, after a season of the greatest success, the club was broken up merely because it was thought some of the men were slipping.

**Outfield Uncertain**

"Our outfield is not altogether certain, but I am sure that Cy Williams and Neale will be in there. Williams has written that he will be here in a few days, and I think that Neale will come along, too. Neale always is in shape, so he doesn't need a great deal of work. As for Meusel, I am not certain. He hasn't signed yet, but I rather suspect that he only wants to get out of a little of this work in the South. I understand that he did the same thing last year, so I would not be surprised to see him come along any time.

"We have a good deal of speed in our club, and I expect to see them come along all right."

Donovan had the men up early again today for their second workout. Most of them were stiff after their morning and afternoon sessions yesterday, but they kept Red Miller working overtime given them rub-downs, so that most of the boys had many less kinks in their systems than they expected.

Besides all of their other work yesterday, the Phillies walked eight miles. It is two miles to the University of Florida grounds, where they train. They all came in for lunch, making four two-mile trips.

**Run Around Track**

Jimmy Ring, Hubbell and Fletcher did a lot of running around the cinder quarter-mile track. Hubbell and Ring are far overweight, but a few days like yesterday, and they will be down to ringside in a short time.

The majority of the players yesterday had long sessions at batting practice and catching fungoes. There was no fielding because the diamond was not in shape. Sam Payne promised Donovan that they would be able to get their first infield work today.

The Phillies will have to hurry to get in shape for the games with Washington next week, beginning Wednesday. However, the Senators, who are over at Tampa, have not advanced any further than the Phillies, so it will be a toss up as far as that is concerned.

There are eight members of the Phillies' club who have not reported. They are Mack Wheat, Frank Bruggy, Gene Paulette, Ralph Miller, Meussel, Cy Williams and Stengel.

## LOCAL STARS SIGN IN MINOR LEAGUES

### Johnny Castle, Billy Black and Dick Nield to Play With Suffolk Team

During the week many local boys who yearly hike to the Sunny South to display their baseball wares in the various leagues have signed contracts for the season and are making preparations for their getaway next month.

Four local players have decided to cast their lot with "Gabby" Street, who is against at the head of Suffolk, in the Virginia League. Chief among the quartet to affix signatures to contracts is Johnny Castle, the former Phillies outfielder who last year cavorted in the outfield for Wilson in the Virginia circuit.

Billy Black, the basketball star, will return to Suffolk and cover the keystone sack. On his right he will have Dick Nield, a third baseman, who needs no introduction. Jack Burke, who was a sensation in the outfield and at bat for Nativity, will also play with Suffolk.

Before Bob David departed for Gainsville, Fla., where the Phils are training, he was fanning at the North Philadelphia station and gave out the information that his old team, the North Phillies, will not be on the diamond this season.

The grounds on which they played were secured by a manufacturing concern for building purposes. This is sad news for the North Phils, as they had one of the best bunches of rooters in the city and the club was among the topnotchers.

On the recommendation of Jimmy Burns, brother of Tioga George Burns, of the Cleveland Indians, Chief Bender, manager of New Haven, has decided to give James King, outfielder with the Southampton club last year, a trial on his team.

King is a right-handed thrower and batter. Last season he hit at a .412 clip for Southampton. King will report to Bender for spring training on March 28. In the meantime, this slugger is working out with Southampton on the Stenton A. A. grounds.

Burns is arranging for a three-game series between Southampton and the University of Pennsylvania. Games also are scheduled with Cressona, Shenandoah and Richmond, of the Virginia League, while first-class teams also are being booked. Manager Burns can be addressed at 230 Apsley street, Germantown.

### *Boots and Saddle*

**Smart Money** will be fancied for the handicap at a mile and a sixteenth in today's feature race at Havana. General Menocal and Walnut Hall are other good ones to contest for the stake.

Horses in other races in good form are: First—Black Pat, Cannon Ball, Ascuteney; second—Hope, Assign, Finis; third—Buenail, Flying Frog, Starkader; fourth—Hamen, Caven Boy, Teacher's Pet; sixth—Sir William Johnson, Constentine, Discord.

**Mobile opens a six-day** race meeting today, with five races, having purses of $300 in each event. Horses entered are from Shreveport. The track is slow. The meeting is sponsored by the Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, which is seeking to promote the interests of the turf in the South.

**After being** in session nearly two hours yesterday the Maryland racing commission decided to postpone any definite action in regard to its roll until tomorrow. Neither Commissioner Kennedy or Commissioner Timanus would discuss the Clyde advertisement in today's papers criticising the rules of the commission.

### TY COBB IN HIS NEW JOB

Photo by Underwood & Underwood

**This is the first photo of Tyrus Raymond Cobb, demon slugger, as manager of the Detroit Tigers. It was taken this week at San Antonio, Tex., where he is supervising the training of his ball tossers. Cobb (left) is talking with Pitcher George Cunningham**

### *Under the Big Top*

**Detroit**—The New York Giants and Tigers are apparently no nearer an agreement today on the games scheduled to be played at San Antonio Saturday and Sunday, than when the split loomed up early in the week. According to reports, McGraw has declared if Detroit wishes to play the Giants, Manager Cobb should ask for the match. Cobb is reported to have declined to attend to that formality. The games were scheduled by the business managers.

**Baltimore**—Fifteen members of the Baltimore International League club, headed by Manager Jack Dunn, left here today for their spring training camp at Goldsboro, N. C.

**New Haven**—The Yale baseball squad will leave here on March 22 for Macon, Ga. The squad will number twenty-three players, including five pitchers, two catchers, eight infielders and seven outfielders. The training period at Macon is to be ten days.

**Cisco, Texas**—With the arrival of Hod Eller at the camp of the Reds, Manager Pat Moran has ten pitchers in training, six right-handers and four portsiders. Moran is favorably impressed with the work of Sam Bohne at third, and he will be a permanent fixture at the hot corner for the season. "If Heinie Groh joins the club later, I will try him out at second," said Moran, "otherwise Fonseca will play the keystone station and he looks capable of holding it down."

**Hot Springs, Ark.**—Light batting and fielding practice, with short workouts for several pitchers constituted the drill of the Boston Americans yesterday. Manager Duffy worked an infield combination consisting of John Collins, lately of the Chicago Americans, at first; Cliff Brady, at second; Everett Scott, at short, and Oscar Vit at third.

**Waxahachie, Texas**—Batting practice occupied the major portion of yesterday's workout of the Chicago White Sox, the pitchers serving them up for the entire squad. Games with the second teams of the Giants and White Sox, to be played at Waxahachie, have been arranged for March 18 and 19.

**Orange, Texas**—Harold Janvrin, utility infielder, and Bill Pertica, a pitcher, from the Los Angeles club, of the Pacific Coast League, are due to join the St. Louis Cardinals here today.

**Bogalusa, La.**—A bruised foot has placed George Sisler on the shelf temporarily, and he will be out of the line-up of the St. Louis Browns for a few days.

**Pasadena, Calif.**—The Cub regulars defeated the second team in an exhibition game yesterday, the first of the season, by the score of 7 to 1. Sergeant York, a recruit hurler, was the victim of a battling rally by the regulars. George Tyler, Alexander, Cheeves, Martin and Vaughn all were on the mound for the regulars.

**New Orleans, La.**—Manager Wilbert Robinson divided his team into two squads, called the Champs and Near Champs, and the former won a close game; score, 3-2. The New Champs put up a good fight and will play a return game this afternoon.

**Pittsburgh**—Walter "Rabbit" Maranville, recently acquired by the Pittburg Nationals, will leave here today for the spring training camp at West Baden, Ind. Maranville reported being in good condition and only three pounds over his playing weight.

### *Amateur Sports*

The Anchor A. A., after winding up the most successful basketball season in its history, is looking forward with great interest to the coming baseball season. Three new players have been added to the rather large list of men already signed this year, and a banner season is expected by followers of the club.

The Anchorites will travel on Sundays, and would appreciate it if managers of teams in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware would communicate with them at once. Teams such as Forty-eighth Ward, St. Michael and Park Edge preferred. L. Simon, 1443 South street.

**The First Dutch Juniors** have a few open dates for basketball teams of their class. T. L. Jones, 2271 North Bancroft street.

**Forty-eighth Ward Juniors** want games with home baseball teams on Saturdays and Sundays. J. A. Lyons, 2230 Watkins street.

**Germantown Collegians** would like to book baseball games with all first-class home teams. H. J. Conway, 5648 Morton street.

**A semipro outfielder** desires to play with a firm having a fast baseball nine. Ball Player, 3018 Nevada street.

**Merrine A. C.** has March 19 and 26 open for traveling teams willing to play for a fair guarantee. Herbert Barock, 926 North Eleventh street.

**Twentieth Century Club**, a fourteen-sixteen-year-old traveling basketball team, wants games. J. Maguire, 3110 Hartville street.

**The Temple B. C.** defeated the Forty-eighth Ward Juniors, 50 to 33 in a fast game. This was the thirty-fourth victory out of thirty-five starts for Temple.

**Locust Field Club** would like to hear from all eighteen-year-old baseball teams having home grounds. William Welsh, 5517 Morton street.

**Suburban Boys' Club** has open dates on Sundays for first-class traveling nines. A. C. Baignow, 5007 North American street.

**The Delhi A. C.**, a second-class uniformed traveling nine, is desirous of booking games with teams of this class offering a fair guarantee. A. G. Blumer, 1332 North Hutchinson street.

**The West Philadelphia Giants** want to book twilight and Sunday games with first-class teams offering reasonable inducements. J. Parks, 52 North Thirteenth street.

**A good first baseman** or outfielder would like to connect with a first-class traveling nine. Ball Player, 2112 North Orleans street.

**Belfield A. C.** desires to arrange Saturday, Sunday and midweek games with semipro home teams. Charles Prenzel, 1153 East Sheridan street, Camden, N. J.

**An outfielder**, formerly of the Moline club of the Three-I League, would like to sign with an independent team offering good inducements. Ballplayer, Alloway, N. J., P. O. Box 78.

**Germantown Travelers**, a first-class team, would like to hear from nines offering reasonable inducements. John Gallagher, 48 East Winter street, Germantown.

**Philadelphia Travelers** desire to schedule games with first-class home teams. Robert Morris, 649 Tusculum street.

**A semipro outfielder** is desirous of playing a firm having a fast club. State terms. Malley, 3018 Nevada street.

**Mercier A. C.** is busy arranging games for the coming baseball season. Manager Walsh would like to hear from teams either at home or away. Edward J. Walsh, 527 North Sixty-third street.

## OUTHIT 2 TO 1, A'S WIN ANOTHER

### Mackmen Make It Four Out of Five When Pitchers Show Class Against Cards

*Special Dispatch to Evening Public Ledger*

**Orange, La.**, March 10.—The A's and Cards were out bright and early for practice this morning and this afternoon will combat in the sixth meeting of their series. The Mackmen are going along at a dizzy clip, hitting the figures for a percentage of .800, which will win the pennant in any old league.

The Mackians are elated over their 2-1 victory at the expense of the Cards yesterday at Lake Charles, because they demonstrated a brand of ball that will win the majority of games, and while outhit almost two to one managed, to garner twice the number of runs as the opposition, although the total proved barely enough to win the old ball game in the regulation nine innings.

It was pinch-pitching that beat the Cards. The Mound City artists had on their hitting togs from the start and nicked the delivery of Mack's trio of hurlers for an even dozen bingles, all for one base, with the excention of a two-cushion blow by Shortstop Levan.

Scott Perry started and was touched for a quartet of safeties; Eddie Rommel yielded five and Harris, who entered the picture at the start of the seventh, did not allow a safe blow until, with two down in the ninth. Fournier planted a single in left, followed by one to right from the willow of Shotten. Rogers Hornsby faked a single to Dykes, scoring Fournier, but McHenry's foul put a quietus on the little Card upstart and made it 4-1 in favor of the A's, meaning games played.

The Connie Mackians put the affair on ice early in the fray. A tainted tally was responsible for the first run in the inning of the same number. Galloway was given free transportation. Hornsby made a baby throw of Griffin's bounder and then Tilly Walker's single scored Galloway. The other tally of the Macks came in the third in this fashion: Griffin singled, followed by safe blows from the bats of Welch and Dugan.

The only other occasion that the Athletics threatened damage was in the fourth when Rommel doubled and Galloway made a scratch single. Connie Mack was decidedly pleased with the exhibition and it looks as if the pitchers will be ready to do their part when the season opens.

**Andy Chaney Defeats Kid Bandy**

**St. Louis, Mo.**, March 10.—Andy (Young) Chaney of Baltimore, was given the newspaper decision over Kid Bandy, of St. Louis, in an eight-round bout here. They are featherweights.

## KOEHLER PENN STATE HERO IN PENN DEFEAT

### *Causes First Defeat on Home Floor of Red and Blue Since January, 1918*

KOEHLER, substitute forward on the Penn State basketball team, pulled a Dick Merriwell last night that gave his team a 21-to-19 victory over Pennsylvania in Weightman Hall in a hectic extra-period contest. It was the first defeat suffered by a Red and Blue team on the home floor since January 25, 1918, when Lou Martin's quintet was handed a reverse by Syracuse, 27 to 24. It was the second defeat of the current season for Danny McNichol and his pals out of twenty starts, Cornell turning the trick at Ithaca.

In a mad scramble for the ball toward the middle of the second half, Koehler was spilled with such force that he was knocked out for a minute or so. Captain Killinger ordered him from the game, but Koehler entreated Coach Herman to permit him to remain in the contest. The request was granted, and both Killinger and Herrman saw Koehler in the third minute of the extra period come dashing down the floor and score a field goal from a difficult angle under the basket.

**Score Winning Points**

Not only did he score the field goal, but he was responsible for the two points that won the game when Pos Miller, tearing madly down the boards, crashed into the second edition of Dick Merriwell with such force as to make a personal foul, entitling State to two tries for the free line. Wilson was equal to the occasion and counted both.

Such guarding as Hinkey Haines and Bill Killinger displayed last night has not been seen in Weightman Hall this season. Haines, guarding Huntzinger, never left him and the moment the Red and Blue forward received the ball Haines was on him in less time than it takes to write it. The same can be said for Killinger. He dogged the steps of Pos Miller and Rosie Rosenast every minute of the game. Their work was easily the outstanding feature of the State team's play. Wilson's work from the foul line, particularly in the first half, was spectacular. He caged eight during the first twenty minutes without a miss. In the second half he fell down getting but half of his ten tries. Two of those were the points that gave State the game in the five-minute extra period. Wilson garnered a doubleheader in the second half, as did Replogle. Haines scored a two pointer in the first half.

**Penn Caught Napping**

The Penn team seemed to have been caught napping. From the start the loss of Rosenast seemed to be keeping the team from its usual speed. Danny McNichol kept his team in the running by sending ten straight fouls through the net, while Bill Grave scored the only field goal in the middle of the half. From the start of the second half the play was furious, with neither team able to get up the floor for shooting only on occasions. Wilson early in the half scored a two-pointer, and a minute later Replogle duplicated. It was eight minutes later before Bill Grave banged one through the nets that brought his team within a point of State. Danny McNichol converted a foul try into a point, and the teams were tied at 15. Wilson scored a foul that broke the deadlock, and then Danny McNichol shot a field goal from the side that spelled what many thought victory. A foul, however, was called on Voegelin and Wilson tied the score at 17 all. With less than half a minute to go to end the game Danny McNichol, the reliable, fell down on a foul try and the Penn contingent groaned.

After a two-minute rest the teams squared off again. Wilson had an opportunity for a foul, but failed, and after a minute and a half of close guarding by both sides Koehler slipped his double-decker, that will make him famous at State for years to come, through the nets. Wilson scored twice on fouls. A minute later Grave scored a field goal, his third of the game. With about half a minute to go Huntzinger was standing under the Penn basket all alone begging for the ball, but Rosenast in the excitement did not see him and was held for a jump-up. State secured the ball and applied the freezing prescription until the final whistle. Then came the mad rush on the part of the State cheering section, led by Henry M. Smith, a former captain in the A. E. F. The Penn contingent had little heart for the dancing that followed the contest.

### *University of Missouri Challenges Penn Five*

Another western college team disputes the supremacy of the East in basketball. The University of Missouri, with one of the best quintets in the history of the institution, has challenged Penn to a three-game series after the intercollegiate league season is finished, according to a letter received by Gilbert Strickland, manager of the Penn team.

The westerners suggest that the first game be played in Kansas City, the second here and the third in some neutral city, probably New York.

This is the second challenge of the week made by Missouri. On Tuesday they challenged Illinois, leaders of the Western Conference, for a series of games to decide the championship.

## *Muddy Divots on March Links*

By SANDY McNIBLICK

LEO DIEGEL has discarded his center-shafter putter in favor of a goose-neck and the result has been a cluster of low scores. The change has given him fine confidence on the greens.

Diegel is the young home-bred who provided the big thrill in the open championship last year at Inverness when he narrowly missed a 20-foot putt for a tie with Ted Ray. Diegel never did like his putter after that, though it was a super-human effort at best.

A bundle of nerves and nerve, Diegel is considered one of our best American-born prospects, next to Hagen, to gather in this year's laurels.

Wonder what a certain Mr. Perrin, president of the Reserve Bank of San Francisco, thinks of Diegel's chances?

The California banker played just two rounds with Diegel at Pasadena recently. On the first trip Diegel had a 63. Then the pro "cracked" or something for he could do no better than a 67.

Anyhow that total of 130 for two consecutive rounds is one of the lowest on record—in fact, George McLean, Grassy Sprain, is the only one to challenge the mark.

McLean has dug up an ancient card showing he himself had a pair of 65's at the Dunwoodie course in dove-tailed rounds, some few years ago.

A couple of weeks ago Diegel had a 12-foot putt for a 67 in California. He took three from there but a 69 makes few golfers hang the head in shame and Diegel is getting 70 and better with something akin to frequency this winter.

He will travel all the way to Pinehurst from California shortly to enter the North and South open.

**New arrivals** at Pinehurst from Philadelphia are Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Thompson, Otto H. Hauser, Thomas R. Pierpont, Caleb S. Keasey, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Worth, Paul J. Davis, Sr., J. C. Neff, Mr. and Mrs. Wallis Armstrong, Louis, Robert D. and P. J. Stecker, W. L. Saunders, 2d, M. W. Jones, John Clarey and J. K. Scattergood.

**Walter Swope**, twelve-year-old son of H. B. Swope, Overbrook, went out on No. 1 course at Pinehurst recently in forty-six, and his brother Billy, two years older, went the same nine holes in forty-eight. It is rumored, by the way, that their daddy will play at Whitemarsh this year, which will boom that team considerably.

**Emmett French**, a Philadelphia-bred pro, had a drive of 270 yards uphill and all carry, 'tis reported, in a recent exhibition match against "Buck" Whittemore, who is going abroad this year.

**Dan O'Leary**, champion walker of the world, claims that tramping over a golf course a couple of times per day would improve the standard of feminine beauty 100 per cent.

**Cyril Tolley**, British champion, who is called "delightfully erratic" by the critics abroad, is another witness that golf is a humblin' game. His last match was a rout. He was beaten by Douglas Grant, ex-California champion, 8 and 7, in the Mid-Surrey-Oxford matches. Tolley also lost to F. S. Bond in the Wimbledon matches. Tolley and Roger Wethered are coming over to play in the intercollegiates and will likely compete in many tourneys here this year.

**England** may be represented solely by college players in the Walker Cup international team championship. Canada is the only entry so far. Due to the trouble and expense of sending teams, J. G. Anderson suggests elimination rounds of nations in the future for the nations of each hemisphere.

**Kansas Wins Over Mitchell**

**Milwaukee**, March 10.—Rocky Kansas, of Buffalo, was given the newspaper verdict over Ritchie Mitchell, local lightweight, in their no-decision ten-round contest here last night. Two weeks ago Kansas knocked out Mitchell in less than a round. A capacity crowd, with receipts totaling $28,851, witnessed the bout. It is announced that Mitchell is planning to retire for a few months.

**Rally Wins for Cornell**

**Ithaca**, March 10.—Although Columbia led Cornell by a score of 16 to 10 at the end of the first half in last night's intercollegiate basketball game, Cornell came through with a terrific comeback in the second period, and overwhelmed the New Yorkers by the score of 31 to 18.

**Earl Hartman Wins in New York**

**New York**, March 10.—Earl Hartman was awarded the judges' decision over Artie Pierce in a bout here last night. In the main event Al Roberts knocked out Gunboat Smith in the tenth round.

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