Confidence of Wilbert Robinson, Plus Crack Pitching Staff, Puts the Robins High in Race

PHILS BACK ON HOME LOT AFTER A STREAK OF ILL LUCK ABROAD

Donovan's Club Won Games Away at Rate of .000. Fans of Philadelphia Willing to Support Winning Team—Big Crowd Out to See A's Saturday

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL
Sports Editor Evening Public Ledger

AFTER staging five desperate battles with a couple of eastern teams—meaning Brooklyn and Boston—the Phils staggered home this morning, feeling as bright and cheerful as the leading characters in the wreck of the fast mail. Five games were played and that was the exact number of defeats. Brooklyn took three and the Braves won, giving the gentlemen toiling for Wild Wilyum Donovan the strong, healthy and suggestive average of .000 for the trip. They played respectable baseball, which gives them temporary possession of the brown derby.

However and be that as it may, the other clubs did not have a cinch in putting our heroes down for the long and lengthy count. Every game was closely contested, accounts of extra-inning tilts were put on and the victors copped by small scores. All of which shows the Phils had tough breaks, and this is as good an excuse as any.

The infield is playing together much better these days. The pitchers are not so bad, but the hitters are not hitting when hits count. Long drives by Williams, Meusel and Weightstone have not been inserted at the proper spot and the team suffered greatly thereby. The sun bright ray of sunshine has been Ralph Miller, the same Ralph who was booed and razzed two weeks ago when he played shortstop in his own individual way. Ralph has improved in fielding and is second in the league in hitting. His work has been the sensation of the trip.

Today the Phils unpack their traveling trunks for a long stay on the home lot. They will be here all month and meet all of the western teams. Brooklyn will put on a double-header with the boys this afternoon and tomorrow Chicago will furnish the other half of the pastimes.

The visit of the westerners will furnish the first real test of the season. Pittsburgh has outdistanced Chicago, Cincinnati and St. Louis, and Brooklyn and New York are ahead of their sectional rivals. Brooklyn started out with a long winning streak, then came the Giants with six and Pittsburgh with nine straight victories. Looks as if the National League race was between those rival clubs, but a better line will be obtained on the well-known dope after the trip.

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CHICAGO has been able to stick in the first division because of the weakness of Cincinnati and St. Louis, and the same goes for the present standing of Pittsburgh. The Pirates have won sixteen and lost four games, which is a great record in any league.

Fans Anxious to Support a Winning Team

ONCE upon a time Philadelphia had the reputation of being a two-bit town. The populace was accused of showing a lack of appreciation in the great national game because slim crowds used to attend the battles staged by the pennant-winning Athletics. Then came the slump of the A's, the struggle to hold on last place and the umpires used to outnumber the crowd two to one. But times have changed.

On Saturday a regular world series gathering was in Shibe Park to see the A's play the Red Sox. There was nothing at stake, just an ordinary ball game, but the youngsters had been playing such good baseball and tried so hard that the fans wanted to have a look. They saw the A's take it on the chin, but it wasn't the sort of a defeat they used to witness. The Mackmen fought hard all the way, gave all they had and went down with colors flying.

This crowd shows beyond question that the Philadelphia public will turn out in large numbers to see a winning baseball. If either the Phils or the Athletics get going and land in the first division, where they are winning more games than they lose, the financial returns will be great.

Yesterday our A's played brilliantly and trimmed the Yankees in New York 5 to 4, in fourteen innings.

The Athletics open in St. Louis tomorrow and will be away until the last two days of the month. It is safe to say they will make a good showing, because they have been mingling with three very good ball clubs in this section and were not disgraced. New York, Washington and Boston are three very good ball clubs—better than any in the league with the exception of Cleveland. Against these the A's won seven and lost eleven and are out of last place. That in itself is a wonderful accomplishment.

On Saturday Bryan Harris pitched good baseball until he tried to be too accurate. He was a trifle wild, usually got himself in the hole with three and two on the batter and then, because he did not want to issue any passes, he would serve up a cripple which resulted in a long wallop. Harris has lots of stuff, but doesn't know what to do with it. If he can get control he will be one of the best hurlers in the league.

One member of the Red Sox is perfectly satisfied these days. It is John Shano Collins, the veteran outfielder, who spent most of his time in Chicago with the White Sox. Shano was traded to Boston with Lobold this spring, and the old boy certainly had all of the breaks. Instead of playing on a tail-end club, Collins has a chance to finish near the top, as Boston is not the worst-looking club in the league.

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OLD JOHN played a great game on Saturday in center field. Twice he robbed Cy Perkins of extra-base blows by making sensational catches, and he made three hits.

Carpentier on His Way to America

GEORGES CARPENTIER is on the bounding billows, headed for the shores of these United States, to do all in his power to wrest the heavyweight championship crown off the alabaster brow of Jack Dempsey in a public fuss to be held on July 2. Georges leaves with the best wishes of all Europe, and the chances are he will be immensely popular here also.

For the first time in many years a foreign challenger will receive the glad hand from the home folks. A lot will be made of Georges, because of his wonderful personality and his heroic work in the great war. He made many friends on his previous visit and will have more before he leaves this time.

At the Pennsylvania relays last month a French relay team was entered. The team did nothing in the races, but was popular just the same. The crowd was with the athletes from across the seas and tendered them a great reception. And it will be the same with Carpentier.

Nobody seems to know where the Frenchman will train. Some say he has selected Great Neck, L. I., home of Ring Lardner and Tad, the cartoonist. Others are sure it will be at Summit Hill, N. J., where Freddy Welsh has his peach farm, and there is a persistent hunch that he will do his preliminary work in Atlantic City at the Inlet. The last guess seems to be best of all. The Frenchman will not turn down a bundle of dough to pay his training expenses, and he can get a big chunk at the shore.

Jack Dempsey has moved into his training quarters and started work today. Nothing strenuous yet, but the champion says he will get down to hard work in about two weeks. He has a large space in which to train and there are seats for many spectators.

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FROM now on the championship battle will occupy a prominent place in our public prints. Everybody is excited about it and it looks as if the largest crowd in history will see the contest.

Give Shirts to Play in Golf Tourney

SHIRTS were handed out with reckless abandon on Saturday at North Hills in the first "close-your-shirt" golf tournament. Players went home shirtless because the loser was obliged to remove the haberdashery on the eighteenth green and present it to the winner. Nobody witnessed this except the crowd on the front porch and around the first green.

Jack O'Brien, president of the club, was a victim of over-confidence. He donated a new shirt and went out to play Al Hollstrom, the ex-president. Presently O'Brien was the proud owner of a sunburn and nipper and lost all interest in the proceedings. He now wears his shirt undeshabille.

Fred Shipley entered the tourney for the cross pickings and did not take the trouble to remove his new flannel shirt. Fred was one of his cherished possessions. The score also came out with Fromboy, so he went out and shot an 80. Both Jo and Shipley were surrounded but Shipley lost the shirt.

B. J. Buchanan, who was down to play spring practice in Florida, triumphed over D. M. Dyer, but he didn't win anything. Mr. Fetter, who is rapidly becoming a golf fiend, and who has a Scotch cap, beat Al Gies. McDonald lost the shirt of Bill Armstrong, Charles Keeler lost to Jack Schwartz, Hearne Brown, Irving Brown, Walter Collins, of golden nipper fame, Jack Ryan lost Tom Lilly to Jack Stover, Edward Lee lost to Jack Stover.

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THE golf match of the day was put on by Charley Hoch and Ben Firestone Wolfson. Old Firestone put up a great game, but Hoch sailed in with a score of 81, which is good enough to win a couple of shirts.

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COBURN WILL RIDE IN OPENER AT POINT BREEZE

Winner of Six Day Race Entered at Dromie Here May 19

Official announcement has been made by Jack Dromie, of the Point Breeze Velodrome, that the bicycle track would be opened for the season on Thursday night, May 19, with an elaborate program. The flagpole and exit to be completed for ending this week, and a number of bike notables, both professional and amateur, have announced their intention of starting practice the latter part of the week.

Manager Chapman said that Will Coburn, who teamed with Brocco, the Italian, won the last six-day bike race at the Garden in New York, would be an added starter in the feature race on May 19's program—a motor-paced race. Coburn comes from a well-known and proficient family of bicycle riders, including Frank, Lew, Albert and Thomas, the fathers. They hail from St. Louis.

Coburn has been keeping himself in shape by motor pacing at Miami, Fla., where he displayed real form, having won four out of five races, including victories over Lawrence, Chapman and other stars.

A professional sprint race will be on the opening program, with Paul, the Italian champion, entered.

There also will be a one mile novice race and exercise events for amateur riders.

Northwest Wins by Three Points

Northwest Boys' Club defeated Curtis Country Club's track team yesterday in a closely contested meet, Northwest getting 59 points to 56 for Curtis.

BEHAVE YOURSELF RAN GREAT RACE

First Time Kentucky Stable Has Produced Derby Winner in Seven Years

BRADLEY WINS FORTUNE

By a Staff Correspondent

Louisville, Ky., May 9.—Not since Old Rosebud won the Derby in 1914 has a Kentucky stable triumphed in the turf classic until E. R. Bradley's Behave Yourself, by Marathon, and Black Servant, by Black Toney, finished one, two in the forty-seventh renewal of the race.

Did it make any difference to Mr. Bradley which of his colts won the purse? It made the difference of a small fortune. Horses are not coupled in an entry in future betting. Wagers are laid in the winter books, horse for horse. If the horse bet upon dies, the better loses. As to the stake and wagering on the day of the race, any horse winning in an entry pays, even if a losing horse in the entry is named in the wager. Bradley backed Black Servant in the winter books and it is said stood to win $80,000 on the colt. The trainer stood to win $40,000 and Jockey Lyke $25,000.

When Black Servant had looked home with Leonardo II, which challenged at the quarter and again at the half, and had run the fleet son of Sweep into submission, then turned his attention to others inclined to dispute the issue, he paid no heed to his little brown stablemate, Behave Yourself, which on the backstretch plodded from eighth place to sixth, then to fourth.

But when Behave Yourself was so bold as to stick his nose alongside of Black Servant's withers turning into the home stretch, under the guidance of the comparatively unknown little jockey, C. Thompson, then the game son of Black Toney again gathered all of his power and hurled it against his stablemate as desperately as he had against Leonardo.

Head and head they fought the race out, with the finest Derby field that ever faced the barrier trailing. The ordeal was too great and Black Toney, faltering a few inches let the crown slip from himself, but not from his stable. He had done his duty and warded off all possibility of defeat for the White and Green Hoops.

Behave Yourself's victory made another upset in the Bradley establishment.

Bradley agreed to give Lyke and Thompson $1000 each to ride in the Derby, with $5000 to the one who might win the race, but gave Lyke the privilege of choosing the horse. Lyke promptly chose Black Servant. So little Thompson folded the $5000 into his vest pocket and posed for the moving pictures behind the horseshoe wreath.

The winner of the Derby is built on the order of a fawn. His lines are even, indicating speed, but he is not as impressive in appearance as the deep-chested Star Voter, the stocky Tryster or the well-formed but long-barreled Leonardo. Prudery could be picked as outpointing Behave Yourself, but none is more pleasing to look at than the champion.

E. R. Bradley's portion of the Derby purse was almost $45,000, the balance going to the third and fourth horses.

League and Semi-Pro Gossip

That 28-0 score between St. Michaels and East Rand was a record in the South Philadelphia circuit, looks like. The Rangers, a well-organized team, which formerly walloped Lehigh Hunter and Ethel A. A., shut out Mennato Tri with only a pair of hits.

One-sided scores appear to be the rule at the getaway. Such is the case in both city and suburban circuits. In the Mid-Merion League, Gray Exception beat Ardmore "A" 20-0, Bethlehem defeated Yonah 13-3. Both teams made but six hits and it was a fast game throughout.

Phil Haggerty's Nativity athletes met and overwhelmed Ivy Club, 22-2, but Haggerty's outfit was swamped Lady Club of Tremont, 17-2, at Belgrade and Ontario the Pleasants, from Wednesday night's game, 10-0. Lady Club is a fast team, with Dave Bennett, Chestnut Hill club, in charge. They meet Shenandoah.

Chestnut Hill, on the way, opened the season by beating South Philadelphia Hebrew Association, 10-0. Arcadia Parade also Bill Donahan were the battery for South Philadelphia. Freedland and Shawburgh were the battery for Chestnut Hill. The Hillers look to be a fast team.

Mike Hoffman was in form on Saturday and helped to beat the North Wales team, 7-3. Hoffman, Dobson and Gill were the Eddie Trautwein and Lees were the battery for their hitting.

Peacock Iron walloped Philadelphia T. C. 9-3. The team played striking out, and Jack Reynolds has a fine record. Reynolds has pitched in five games and allowed but one run in the opening game. Peacock meets the tailenders Thursday with Holland. Vogel and Wharton are the battery for the Peacock team.

Bridesburg, west from Fairton, N. J., on Saturday, to play a fast game, but failed to show. Fairton, Bridesburg's Jersey rival, is a fast team, with Nordlinger and Gray the battery. Fairton started with the Richmond, Richmond and Gibbs, a fast team, 10-0. Bridesburg meets Hillside Saturday. Mr. Wharton and his Chesterfields are looking for the attraction.

The Thirty-fourth Ward Italian Club received its season at Seventeenth and Tasker streets, 8-0, to Bert Marchione's Hillsides. The club, tossed out its first shutout of the season, Saturday, when it beat Ivy Club, 10-0. Sterling and Sarti were the battery for the Ivy team, formerly of the Phillies.

Runs Scored for Week In Three Big Leagues

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Ti
St. Louis	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	9
Chicago	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
Brooklyn	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Cincinnati	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
New York	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
Pittsburgh	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
Phillies	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
St. Louis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Ti
Cleveland	17	—	—	—	—	—	—	17
St. Louis	16	—	—	—	—	—	—	16
Detroit	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	8
Athletics	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	5
New York	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
Boston	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
Washington	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Chicago	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	3

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Ti
Syracuse	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	11
Buffalo	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	8
Jersey City	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	7
Rochester	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
Newark	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Baltimore	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Reading	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
Toronto	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0

WHEN FELLERS NEED A FRIEND

SHUTOUTS FEATURE INDUSTRIAL GAMES

Many One-Sided Totals Registered in Opening League Contests

TO STRENGTHEN LINE-UPS

Saturday was getaway day in the "little leagues," and from now on until the end of the month each week will see the initial clashes in several additional circuits and by Decoration Day there will be more than a score playing Saturday ball, exclusive of the almost dozen during the week.

There was little opportunity to get a line on the winners in any of the manufacturers' circuits by the box scores of the opening contests. It is too early in the season for any such thing, but the one-sided totals registered are not likely to last long, as more than one manager is already busy bolstering up his line-up for the next game.

The two local industrial circuits played to more than twice as many spectators as last season, according to the respective presidents. Milton Hohlfeld, who directs the destinies of the Industrial Amateur League, was more than surprised to see nearly 3000 at the game between his team and Ivins Cake, and the same was the rule at the other games. John Manogue, president of the Philadelphia Manufacturers' circuit, who was doubtful of baseball this season, says he is convinced a big year is ahead.

Numerous Shutouts

In the Industrial Amateur League three of the four games resulted in goose eggs for the losing clubs. Supplee-Biddle-Hardware whitewashed Capitol Bros., 7-0; Disston walloped Thornton-Fuller, 10-0, and Hohlfeld blanked Ivins Cake, 5-0. Packard Motorcar wrecked Harrison Safety Boiler, 18-5.

The Global contest was not nearly so one-sided as the totals indicate. In fact, the store boys were very much in the game until the seventh when Supplee-Biddle scored their first run. They seemed to go to pieces after this, and piled up eight errors. Disston Saw had the advantage of Buck Mason's pitching. Last year he established several records in the Northeast League by fanning twenty or more batsmen and in his first time out whiffed fourteen.

Harrison Boiler was easy for Packard Motor, who compiled twenty hits, many of which were two-baggers, triples and homers. Manager Rowan, of Harrison, was using several players. Hohlfeld started off well and blanked Ivins. Jack Ryan, hurling was a feature of Ivins game as well as the hitting of Wambsgo.

Western Union on Time

The Western Union messengers celebrated their advent in league ball on their home field at Broad and Bigler. They were right on the job and never lost a minute. The Charles W. Young team was the opposing club and the game was an old-fashioned slugging bee for the winners, with nineteen hits and a final score of 22-4.

In Plain Sand, another newcomer in circles, played a big surprise by defeating Commercial Truck on the grounds at Second and Bristol, which are reputed the finest in the city. De Fazio had Braddock on the mound and he allowed but four hits. Murphy pitched good ball for Commercial, but the team behind him looked pretty poor. At bat the losers made a decent show.

The last game among Industrials was staged at Ontario between Liggett & Myers and Philadelphia Storage Battery, the former gaining the decision, 6-1. Werner held the Battery players to six hits and was exceptionally steady in the pinches.

BAUMGARTNER REINSTATED

Restored Into Good Graces of Organized Ball by Judge Landis

Judge Landis, the power behind baseball, has handed down another decision affecting the status of a member of one of the local big league teams.

He has reinstated Stanwood Baumgartner, southpaw pitcher, into the good graces of organized baseball. Baumgartner had been on the ineligible list for several years.

Though his name has been included on the roster of the Phils since the southern training trip, Baumgartner has not been eligible to pitch in a National League game until yesterday, when he received notice of his reinstatement.

The big southpaw is anxious to make up for lost time, and has requested that he be permitted to pitch in one of the games of the double-header with Brooklyn today.

What May Happen In Baseball Today

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Club	W.	L.	P.C.	Win	Lose	Split
Pittsburgh	16	4	.800			
Brooklyn	13	7	.650	.682	.591	.632
New York	12	7	.632			
Chicago	9	9	.500			
Cincinnati	9	13	.409			
Boston	8	12	.400			
Phillies	5	12	.294	.368	.263	.316
St. Louis	4	12	.250			

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Club	W.	L.	P.C.	Win	Lose	Split
Cleveland	15	6	.714			
Washington	11	9	.550			
Boston	8	7	.533			
New York	9	8	.529			
Detroit	11	10	.524	.545	.500	
St. Louis	8	11	.429	.450	.400	
Athletics	7	11	.389			
Chicago	5	12	.294			

RESULTS OF YESTERDAY

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Brooklyn, 2; New York, 0.
Cincinnati, 1; Pittsburgh, 0.
St. Louis, 9; Chicago, 6.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Athletics, 5; New York, 4 (14 innings).
Boston, 4; Washington, 3.
Cleveland, 17; Chicago, 3.
St. Louis, 16; Detroit, 8.

SCHEDULE FOR TODAY

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Brooklyn at Philadelphia (two games).

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Detroit at St. Louis.

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Syracuse, 14; Jersey City, 7.
Rochester, 4; Baltimore, 1.
Buffalo, 8; Newark, 2.
Reading-Toronto, not scheduled

TODAY'S GAMES

Reading at Toronto.
Jersey City at Syracuse.
Baltimore at Rochester
Newark at Buffalo.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS

	W.	L.	P.C.		W.	L.	P.C.
Newark	11	6	.647	Buffalo	9	9	.500
Baltimore	10	6	.625	Syracuse	8	9	.471
Toronto	9	7	.563	Rochester	7	9	.437
Jersey C.	9	8	.529	Reading	4	13	.235

Boots and Saddle

The Highland Park Purse and the Dew Valley Purse afford the features on the card at Churchill Downs this afternoon. In the former Jouett should prove best, while Rouleau and Laraboo are the best of the others. In the latter Day Lilly will rule choice, while Aphie Dear and Ben Valet also look good.

Horses in other races in form are: First, Harry Burgoyne, Nominee, Squeeler; second, Gammer Gurton, Bill and Coo, Bernice K.; third, Sandman II, Newell W., J. C. Stone; fifth, Casey, Lord Allen, Adventure; seventh, Cotilla, Mary Jane Baker, Sea Court.

Caretaker is well placed in the first race at Pimlico. The McLean entry and Al are likely contenders. Horses in other races having shone prominently are: Second race, Grand, Billy McLaughlin, Be Jimming; third, Widener entry, Earlocker, Bullseye; fourth, Leechare II, Quick Run, Uncertainty; fifth, J. K. L. Ross' entry, Jeg S.; seventh, Milkwood, Sunny Jim, Sporting Blood.

HEADS SPORTS WRITERS

T. Von Ziekursch Chosen President for Ensuing Year

At the annual election of the Philadelphia Sporting Writers' Association, held at the Hotel Walton yesterday, the following men were named to head the organization for the ensuing year:

President, T. V. Ziekursch; vice president, F. T. McCracken; treasurer, Louis N. Goldsmith; secretary, Alex H. Brooke; board of governors, J. C. Isaminger, S. O. Grauley, Ross E. Kauffman, Mark Wilson and R. W. Maxwell.

It was decided to decorate the graves of the dead sports writers on Sunday, May 29, and President Ziekursch appointed a committee to take charge of the affair.

The following Committee on Membership was also appointed: F. T. McCracken, William E. Brandt, S. O. Grauley, Joseph Labrum and Ross E. Kauffman.

Treasurer Louis N. Goldsmith reported the association to be in sound financial condition. Six new members were admitted. It was also decided to hold a dinner for members only on Monday night, June 20, at a place to be decided upon at a later date.

Five Leading Batters in Two Major Leagues

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Player and Club	G.	A.B.	R.	H.	P.C.
Hornsby, St. Louis	16	63	12	28	.444
E. Miller, Phila.	13	41	7	17	.415
Johnston, Brooklyn	20	68	17	28	.412
Hargrave, Cin.	13	34	4	14	.412
Cotham, Pitts.	16	61	11	24	.393

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Player and Club	G.	A.B.	R.	H.	P.C.
Heilman, Detroit	17	61	13	33	.511
Burns, Cleveland	11	32	11	15	.469
Evans, Cleveland	12	38	13	15	.455
Wood, Cleveland	9	31	7	13	.419
Cobb, Detroit	21	91	23	38	.418

COBLE SCORES 79 ON PUBLIC LINKS

Sets Up Season's Mark Under Summer Conditions and Has Promise of a Comer

POSTMAN VS. COP AT GOLF

By SANDY McNIBLICK

Joe Coble is our latest prodigy of the public links. There have been many rumors of low scoring out at Cobbs Creek, but the majority of these scores are what you might call "estimated." The course is rugged and one of the stiffest scoring tests in town.

So it is that when an honest-to-goodness card under 80 is turned in the other aspirants to the honor doff the kelly and salaam before the conquering hero.

Said idol today is Joe Coble. He turned in a 79 out of the ball barrage over the week-end. He was playing in a threesome with Leo Boyle and Joe Phillips, two other habitues, and all hands signed the following ticket:

Out..... 6 4 4 3 6 4 5 4 5—41
In..... 4 5 3 6 4 4 4 4 4—38—79

They played summer conditions and the full distances. The record at Cobbs Creek is rather dubious, and although this 79 is probably not the low mark, it is the low score under summer conditions for the boys to shoot at from now on this season.

Bob Hamilton set the low mark a la winter rules for the cold months with a 77 and beat that mark yesterday with a 76, putting out at every cup, but playing winter rules. He was the star member of a three-some, the others being H. C. Pusey, formerly of Aronimink, and John Walls.

They attest to the following card:

Hamilton—
Out ..... 4 5 3 4 5 5 5 4 4—39
In ..... 3 4 3 5 3 5 4 5 5—37—76

At that Hamilton had a chance for a 72, as he wobbled off the line at the finish. His 4 at the eleventh was a fine piece of linksmanship, as this hole is a tough 5. He had some great recoveries.

Promising Player

But Coble does not stand alone on that 79. A caddy of much experience, he has absorbed the form of the experts he has toted for and handles his clubs like a star. Coble is but twenty-two, short and powerful. He is said to be one of the longest hitters that has graced the course, a links that has started such players as Marcus Greer, Bob Pierce, Charlie Reckner and other local comers.

Every time Coble steps on the first tee they all swarm down there to have a look. Joe usually obliges by pushing the ball out to the creek-bed, which is a long carry for any golfer. He plays a low ball and straight.

The confident prediction is made around the clubhouse out there that more will be heard of the prowess of Young Joe Coble as the season grows more intense.

Despite the record-breaking crowds at Cobbs Creek over the week-end, they are eager there to have a big exhibition match put on, to show how recognized stars play the ball, to see what they would do to the course and to boom interest in public golf, just as Tilden is doing with municipal tennis.

Charles Obliges

But there need be no anxiety. Charles McClinchey, the golfing postman, has stepped into the breach.

He has challenged the Philadelphia police force, and a cop, known as the "Masked Marvel," will oblige. Promoter Little is the go-between, and the papers stipulating the conditions will be signed in a few days.

They will play for a cup to be known as the "Municipal Employes' Trophy."

Charlie and the "Masked Marvel" are the only entrants, so they will play a 36-hole match after their day's work. Charlie only has to walk about ten miles a day, but though he's in the "ancient and honorable" class, he took up golf to get a little more exercise.

While the trolley strike was on everything was jake, as they say on the saxaphone. Then he could walk all those miles from home to the postoffice. Now he can ride and save time, so he has taken up golf.

Eighteen or thirty-six holes after work is just the thing, he finds, "to keep a feller fit."

Movie Rights

The postman and the cop will play also for a side bet and 50-50 on the gate receipts. They get a cut on the moving-picture rights, so they have an easy chance of riding home on the trolley car after the match, especially if they wear their uniforms when boarding the car.

Charlie is afraid, however, that "this here masked marvel bluecoat" is going to flop. The latter has had scouts out watching Charlie golf, and these persons have told the cop what he's up against. Charlie drives a wicked ball and sneaks the ball in the cup on a putt as easily as he tucks a doctor's bill under your front door.

Scraps About Scrappers

Mike Credell will be Jimmy Sullivan's opponent in the eight-round semi-final to the Gibbons-Maguire bout at the National Club. Two other eight-rounders are to be Tommy Loughran vs. Jack Alex and Kid Wagner vs. Gus Frankhetta.

Otto Hughes is training and managing Willie Cross, who meets Artie McCann in the eight-round semi-final to the bout between Frankie Coyle and Mike Kearns at the Auditorium Club tomorrow night. Four others are: Terry O'Brien vs. Mickey Wolfer, Jim Bedley vs. Jerry Ford, Mike Nolan vs. Joe Smith, Jack Hayes and Dan Kerns vs. Young Fritz.

Open-air bouts are to be inaugurated here this season at the Madison Baseball Park on May 21. Jack Ward and Jim Hone have been matched for the wind-up.

Eddie Revoire showed great form in outpointing Jack McCarron last week at Philadelphia. Revoire issues a challenge to Frankie Britton and K. O. Al Miller.

Tommy Devlin, Manayunk welterweight, is open for bouts with Willie McCloskey, Joe Lentz or any of the other local battlers his weight.

Announcement was made today by Pete Ferrell that the West Manayunk open-air boxing club would get under way the first week in June. Martin Judge will meet some one his weight in the first fifteen-round wind-up.

Frank Loughrey is going to take another shot at Bellaoffa. This Manayunk veteran has been training for several months and says he is in shape for any of the welterweights.

Sammy Barsan, local boxing fan, has opened a hotel at Chelsea, Atlantic City, N. J., where he is inviting all his friends who visit the training camp of Jack Dempsey.

Tim Drones has recovered from his injured hand, which was put out of commission in his recent bout with Joe Tipitz. He will be ready to box again in three weeks, and prefers a contest with George Clark.

Peck Miller, the Manayunk heavyweight comeback, saw Homer Smith in his short exhibition here recently and says he would like to take on the big Kalamazoo knocker-out.

ROBBY'S POWER CHIEF COG IN DODGER CLUB

With All the Breaks Against His Brooklyn Team, Manager Robinson's Lack of Discouragement Counted in Robins' Flight in League Standing

By GRANTLAND RICE

NO MANAGER in the game stumbled upon more spring discouragement than your Uncle Wilbert Robinson, of Brooklyn.

About half of his stars were holding out for an increased dividend, and a long series of rainstorms kept the other half off the ball field.

Day by day things broke far from gently, but the portly mandarin continued to cheer up the tinker with his machine.

When the Dodgers came north they were tipped off to a faltering start.

The lowly Braves promptly stepped in and walloped them all over the plateau. But all this time your Uncle Wilbert continued to say "Let's go," without a sign of discouragement.

His genial optimism remained rampant. He still insisted that Italy was on the other side of the Alps, and that the Alps were not so very high.

The result was a sudden turn by his lagging talent and the first extended winning streak of the year.

When they talk of Brooklyn they are all inclined to mention the power of her pitching staff.

But the power of her manager is even more important to her final allotment in the standing of the clubs. Robby, plus a star pitching staff, is no short hurdle to take on the fly.

Over Here and Over There

"BABE" RUTH, Charles Paddock and Jack Dempsey remain over here. The topliners haven't all left. But this country has never sent abroad as much talent as it has sent, and is still sending, to British shores.

This May and June invasion is the greatest of all time—for the list of American stars will be far beyond anything ever known. What among golf, tennis and polo, we are firing the heaviest ammunition we have.

Tilden, Evans, Miss Stirling and Mrs. Mallory are all champions. Milburn is rated by many as the greatest polo player in the world.

Tilden and Milburn hold the peaks. Evans is probably the greatest amateur golfer of the day.

But before the cheering starts it is always well to remember that England and France together also have a Duncan, a Mitchell, a Ray, a Leitch and a Lenglen.

None of the nations involved can look forward to any billowy cakewalk.

The one best bet of the lot is Bill Tilden, who should retain his title, but the rest of it is all very much to the nip and tuck.

Limerick of the Links

A duffer with no laurel wreathing
Whose turbulent soul was all seething,
Had no alibi
When his putt went awry,
So he jumped on his caddie for breathing.

ACCORDING to Connie Mack, Shakespeare knew something when he wrote—"How use doth breed a habit in a man."

The Leading Contributor

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY has Eddie Collins and George Smith wearing her colors in major baseball, but at this writing Alabama University is the leading contributor of the year.

Alabama runs strongly to infielders. Derrill Pratt, of the Red Sox, was an Alabama second baseman and an Alabama fullback. Sewell and Stephenson played second and short respectively, as well as most respectably.

With Pratt, Sewell and Stephenson the Red and White banner of Tuscaloosa is flying high.

Georgetown and Holy Cross once led in the major leagues, with such stars as Devlin, Doc White, Jack Barry and others. But it has been some time since one university contributed three such actors to the big show cast.

THE wonderful work of these young collegians, Sewell and Stephenson, recalls a pastime of some years back, which consisted in matching an all-college team against an all-sand lot team, developed in the major leagues. The collegians then had as pitchers to offer such men as Mathewson, Plank, Bender and Coombs. Collins, Devlin and Barry were three of the leading infielders. But they never had an outfield to match Cobb, Speaker and Crawford.

MOST of the star collegians have either been pitchers or infielders. The outfielding collegian has never seemed to go in for professional baseball upon any extensive scale. A few have broken in, but the list has been short.

WHATEVER Pittsburgh had to pay for Walter Maranville was cheap in comparison with the returns. The Rabbit is now in the midst of his greatest year.

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GIBBONS SEEKS WILSON'S TITLE

Phantom's Return to the Ring Is to Bring Back Crown to St. Paul

BOXES MAGUIRE TONIGHT

By LOUIS H. JAFFE

There is a method in the madness of Mike Gibbons in his comeback in the ring. Ever since Johnny Wilson, of Boston, dethroned Mike O'Dowd as middleweight champion Gibbons has threatened to return to the art of hit or get hit. Mike, the Phantom, desires to bring back the middleweight title to St. Paul.

While O'Dowd was possessor of that diadem Gibbons was satisfied to remain in retirement, because the two Mikes are fellow townsmen. Now it is the Gibbons Michael's ambition to place himself in line for a titular tilt with Wilson so that he may get an opportunity to regain the laurels for St. Paul.

Mike said so himself here today. "Yes," was the way Gibbons put it. "My reason for getting back into ring action is for the one purpose of getting Johnny Wilson in an opposite corner. Although I am thirty-four years of age, I think I still possess the skill to take a fall out of the Boston man, and just as soon as a match between us is consummated I feel sure that I will regain the title lost by O'Dowd."

Gibbons has been boxing since 1908. Like O'Dowd, the Phantom is an Irish-American. Gibbons has been in training for several months and now he plans to appear in a number of matches, after which he will plan a campaign to prove that he is entitled to a set-to with the champion.

When Gibbons was in his prime he was known as the St. Paul Flash as well as the Phantom. He was one of the cleverest two-handed boxers of his weight, and there were a lot of critics who believed Gib to be the best boxer in his division. But Mike never got the chance to meet the champion in a referee's decision contest.

Finally business reasons forced Gibbons into retirement. Now, however, business or no business, Mike wants that middleweight crown back in St. Paul, where it was brought by O'Dowd, and he plans to keep after Wilson until a title encounter is arranged.

Local fans will get their first chance tonight in several years to see Gibbons in action. He will pair off with Frankie McGuire at the National Club in an eight-round bout. McGuire is the Williamsport boxer who met Jack Britton and Mike O'Dowd in local matches last season.

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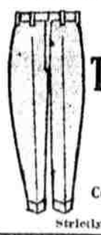

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