

Independence Day Is Used to Celebrate Birth of Nation and National League Pennant Winners

PIRATES WIN FLAG BECAUSE TEAM WAS IN LEAD ON JULY 4

Ernie Lanigan, in Awarding 1921 Pennant, Produces Figgers Showing That Club Leading League on Independence Day Almost Invariably Wins Gonfalon

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL Sports Editor Evening Public Ledger
WHILE Pittsburgh was knocking the Phils for a double slam yesterday the Giants took second place in the game with Cincinnati. This increased the lead of the Pirates one and one-half games, putting them out in front by six and one-half games. With the season almost over and only six more weeks to go, it looks as if Gibson's club would grab the pennant unless turned back by a miracle. However, nothing like that is going to happen. The Pirates were handed the pennant this morning by none other than Ernie Lanigan, a sensational statistician and figger fibber.

There are two ways of winning a big league pennant. One is to go out and win more games and lose fewer than any other club, and the other is to drag out the granddaddy and prove the championship caliber of the favorite as early as May 1. This doesn't work all of the time, but a little thing like that doesn't worry Mr. Lanigan. Our expert, however, for that, if he makes a hunch guess he never offers an alibi, but comes through with more facts and figgers about something else. By that time the first guess has been forgotten.

"Pittsburgh cannot lose the pennant this year," he said mysteriously as he wandered into the office. "Not a chance in the world. Everything points to an easy victory in the National League, and I have nothing to say nothing of the kind. This will win because"—and here he paused to make his statement more impressive—"because they were leading the league on July 4."

"What the"—we venture, but Mr. Lanigan interrupted. Raising his hand for silence he resumed his solo on statistics.

"Independence Day is a grand and glorious institution," he said, "and every patriotic citizen holds a celebration as long as he is able to celebrate. Everybody knows that but the day also has a particular significance to us statisticians and figger experts. All we have to do is look at the standing of the clubs in the National League on that date and we discover the club that will win the pennant three months later. It is not at all difficult nor is it intricate. A child can do it without the aid of a carpenter's pencil.

"All you have to do is first find the standing of the clubs. Then find the club in first place that day. It is over, because that is the pennant winner. On July 4, 1921, the Pirates were in first place with a percentage of .671. That's my story and I will stick to it.

"Take a look at the tables now. The two games copped by the Pirates yesterday while the Reds were trimming the Giants, put the Bucs exactly sixty-one points ahead of the Giants. These sixty-one points represent a difference of six and a half box scores. Now then, the Giants, in order to tie the Pirates for the flag, must win twenty-five of the thirty-nine games remaining on their schedule if Gibson's gang does no better than split even in its forty-two contests.

"YOU need no further proof. Get ready for the World Series, and in a short time I shall pick the winner in the American League. It will save a lot of time and worry.

Introducing Precedent in Baseball
PERHAPS you would like to know what I am alluding at," continued Mr. Lanigan, as he shifted in front of the electric fan, "and also where I get that stuff off. You shall have the whole and entire story, right here and now.

"There is such a thing as precedent in baseball, despite the fact that few precedents have been announced. It is a thing of the past. Accordingly, the Pirates will win because in the last nineteen seasons records show that almost invariably the team that is in first place on Independence Day qualifies for the classic, which is a way of referring to the World Series. Capital letters are used because it makes capitalists of the athletes.

"Now for some question and answer stuff. Who was leading the National League on July 4, 1902? The answer is Pittsburgh. Who won the pennant that year? Pittsburgh. The Pirates were in the lead on Independence Day, 1903, and also in 1909. They won the pennant both times. Therefore, according to dope and figgers—and figgers never lie—Pittsburgh has a cinch this year. There have been exceptions uncovered in my research work—five of them—but Pittsburgh never was one of those present.

"New York won in 1904 and 1905 and were fourth of July leaders. Chicago came through in 1907, 1908 and 1910, and also had an Independence Day lead. The first time the dope was kicked to pieces was in 1911. The Phils were out in front in midseason with a percentage of .625, but the Giants copped and the Phils finished fourth. In 1914 the Giants were overhauled by Boston, the Phils beat out Chicago in 1915, Cincinnati walloped New York in 1916 and Brooklyn put it over the Reds last year. Both years the Giants finished second; the Reds, when they were overtaken, ran third, and Chicago and the Phils, when passed, finished at the bottom of the first division.

"The Boston Braves of 1914 stand in a class by themselves in coming from the second division—the foot of it—to the top of the heap. This is the year that George Stallings, now a magnate in Rochester, N. Y., earned the title of Miracle Man. On the night of July 4 his club was leading the league like the Phils and the A's—backwards. They were 221 points behind the procession, meaning the Giants. When the season ended the Braves were .614 and New York trailed with .545. The Braves gained 320 while the Giants were losing .000.

"No other National League club maintaining its position at the top of the summit ever traveled so rapidly as did the Braves seven years ago. The club, in 1907, tacked 60 points to their record after Independence Day, and Brooklyn last year gained 60 points after July 4. Pittsburgh already is ahead of the 1921 record.

"THEREFORE and Q. E. D., the Pirates have won the 1921 pennant. Nothing can change the dope or figgers—because figgers never lie."

Detroit Appreciated Donnie Bush's Work
AFTER thirteen years of brilliant service, where he gave everything he had on the ball field for the success of his team, Donnie Bush has been rewarded by the Detroit club. He was sold yesterday to Washington for the waiver price, \$2500. All of which recalls that famous truthful saying, "It makes no difference what you WIRE, it's what you ARE today." The past is forgotten when it comes time to attach the tinware. "There is no sentiment in baseball.

Short of stature, but nimble of brain, fast on his feet and an excellent pair of hands, Donnie has been one of the leading shortstops in the American League. He was full of pep, talked incessantly to his teammates, telling them what to do and coaching them at all times, arguing with the umpires whenever he was not satisfied with a decision, he earned the reputation of being one of the most aggressive players in the game.

The old-timers will remember Bush when he broke in as a kid in the days when Bill Donovan, Plank Bender and the other stars were being put out for pennants. He always was popular, never laid down on the job and fought until the end.

Donnie played in South Bend in 1907 and was closely observed by Ring Lardner, whose home was at Niles, Mich., a short distance from South Bend. He tipped off a couple of big league scouts, but they laughed, thinking Ring was telling them a funny story. At the time Donnie could have been purchased for \$300. The next year he went to Indianapolis and from there to Detroit. He succeeded Charley O'Leary as shortstop, Charley now is assistant manager of the New York Yankees.

B'SH will help the Washington club, and he also would have helped the Athletics. He still has a few years of good baseball left in his system and will give his best until the final whistle. He deserved a better fate.

Boots and Saddle Scraps About Scappers
Herman Hindin will introduce West Philadelphia's Lillian and Jimmy Young Tom Sharkey as a wind-up artist at the grounds of Trenton, as the person of the second in the semi-finals. Hindin will introduce the semi-finals, Jimmy Young and Jack Ross as Young Dicks and Jack Ross as Young Dicks and Jack Ross as Young Dicks.

Chick Kansas has returned from Cumberland. He is a two-pounder. Kansas may be hurt his right hand in the second round.

William Flinn writes he is willing to send his prize money to the Philadelphia club. He is a two-pounder. Flinn will complete the show.

Eddie Dempsey showed impressive form in his twelfth consecutive fight, when he knocked out a two-pounder, Jimmy Young, in the second round. Dempsey is a two-pounder. Dempsey is a two-pounder.

Charles Lewis is open to meet Johnny Murphy, Matty Dechter, Bobby Volzant or Little Bear.

BIRDS AND EAGLES FLY OVER H. V. C. C.

George Elkins 16 Under 4's in Noble "Ringer" Golf Event. Two Holes in "One"

CRAB GRASS IS FOUGHT

By SANDY McNIBLICK
Cruising up and down 'midst York road golf yields many little items of interest. There's Huntingdon Valley, for instance. This beautiful golf course, one of the best kept in the city, is undergoing the worst siege of crab grass in its history.

A group of golfers stood mournfully at the eighteenth green the other afternoon, where fifteen men were seated on its ex-velvety bosom picking, picking all the day.

There was a pile of crab grass, already gathered, as high and big around as the spaghetti-fed workmen beside it. Strings were laid across the green and they were picking over every inch of it. It was astounding to regard the amount of soil-putting grass they were gathering.

But right in the midst of this session it was equally astounding to have a look at the ringer scoring in the annual contest out there for the best ball card of the season. It was fast and furious enough last year.

But this year's experts out there are more than holding their own. For the play two golfers over there pass into the "Hole-in-One" Club, without the formality of riding the goat. They are C. W. Elkins and Chester. These clubs are great rivals and Nativity has already defeated Frank Miller's aggregation at Chester and played a tie game.

The visitors have been a jinx here to date as on several occasions they have been driven to play, but rain at ways interfered. Up town fans are anxious to see this game and a big crowd is expected. Tommy Carrigan will work against the invaders.

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NATIVITY TO OPPOSE CHESTER TEAM HERE

Rival Baseball Clubs Will Clash This Evening; Bridesburg Opposes Marshall E. Smith

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MENTAL CONTROL BIG FACTOR IN ATHLETICS

Skill Useless to Contestant Who Permits Form to be Wrecked by Lack of Concentration—"The Rabbit" Succeeds "The Crab"—Mike Gibbons the Class

By GRANTLAND RICE
Winning Temperament
A good handful of concentration, and so in of determination, is the pole that comes where one can take Without dull wrath the game's worst break.

And still stop on the upward slope With forward thought and unchanged hope.
Content to let his hard-fought best Decide his ranking with the rest.

A handful of the will to win If fate should take the proper spin. The will to keep unchanging thought Upon the main goal that is sought. The will to give little consideration, The will to give little consideration, The will to give little consideration, The will to give little consideration.

THE physical part of any game shows For itself and therefore absorbs most of the attention. Mental control over the nerve and muscle is an elusive affair and so is given little consideration. The instructor of the future is going to start teaching the principles of mental control before he begins on the physical side of the game at hand.

OF WHAT value is skill to a man who permits his form to be wrecked by anger, doubt, over-earnestness, lack of concentration or self-pity over some turn of hard luck? Bill Johnston isn't any physical marvel. He doesn't always win. But those who have the opportunity of studying his unbroken determination to move forward, his unruffled concentration upon the main job, can acquire one of the greatest lessons that competition has to offer.

Then and Now
SEVEN years ago Connie Mack secured his famous infield to the four wandering winds. The end of seven years will find Connie's club in last place for the seventh consecutive time, while an infield composed of McInnis, Collins, Baker and Dugan would be the greatest in baseball.

McInnis, Collins and Baker are still 300 hitters, still stars upon the job. Connie proved his greatness as a leader with six winners in the past, but he also proved that the greatest leader can make a greater mistake than a mediocre type could ever think of.

Consider This
REVERTING to the original discussion—"There wasn't a moment," says Jim Barnes, "during the open championship when I even thought of losing my temper. I don't believe there was a moment when I thought of anything else, except making the next stroke I had to play, whether it was a heel print in a bunker or the middle of the fairway."

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A FEW sideliners appear to be baffled over the big improvement Pittsburgh has shown over last year's form. The club was a bustling, well-managed organization a year ago. But the big chance came when Walter Marandino reported. The value of one

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