Three Years in the Cellar May Become a Dim and Distant Memory For Our Phils

PHILLIES WIN AGAIN AND ARE IN MIDST OF A WINNING STREAK

Many Fans Observe Local Heroes Score Another Knockout Over Braves—Four Double Plays Establish Record for Season

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AT THE very top of the joy and gloom column which explains in figgers the trials and tribulations of eight National League ball clubs can be discovered with little difficulty the following:

Phillies—Won, 2; lost, 0; percentage, 1.000.

In the past we used to have a lot of zeros, but nothing in front of them. Those were the dismal days when our home clubs were in the cellar, stymied always by seven other teams. Philadelphia always could be located twenty thousand leagues under the League, but such is not the case in 1923. True, we might land there eventually, but right now the figgers give us all the best of it, and figgers never lie. Therefore, let's be like the flappers at Christmas time—think only of the present.

All of which is a prelude to the startling announcement that our Phils won another ball game and now are in the midst of the dizziest winning streak you ever saw. They took a funny fall out of the Braves, of Boston, turned them back in a most enthusiastic manner, and before the fire was put out scored four tallies against one-half as many for the visiting firemen. That in itself is no mean accomplishment, as even "Kise" Wilhelm will admit.

No matter what happens in the future, the fact remains the Phils won two games, and those games count just as much in October as now. The local heroes overcame what looked to be a big lead and won by a clean knockout in the eighth round. They played real baseball, displayed a lot of pep, performed with their heads up and took advantage of every miscue by the opposition. They had much practice in this, as the Braves perpetrated no less than five foozles during the afternoon. They came at the most inopportune times, but that's what made them foozles.

But the men of Wilhelm were on the job every minute and would not admit defeat. They played for the breaks in the game and got them. They again displayed a good defense and a wonderful attack, to say nothing of a perfect brand of pitching. A combination like that cannot help but win, and if the good work keeps up the three years in the cellar will soon be nothing but a dim and distant memory.

Speaking of defensive tactics, it will be noticed that the boys from the home town pulled no less than four double plays during the P. M. This is a season's record and also a world's mark so far as the Phil's are concerned. In the olden days they couldn't put over four double killings in a month.

Therefore, after taking another slant at the work of the athletes yesterday, the following seems to be perfectly justified:

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Ring's Recovery

JAMES RING, of Brooklyn, N. Y., was responsible for everything that happened. He caused the two runs in the first frame and would have caused more had Goldie Rapp failed to start a double play. Mr. Ring was biffed and banged most outrageously in the first verse. All he had was a coat of tan and perfect control. His control was so good that he couldn't keep the ball away from alien bats and the outfielders were all set for a busy afternoon.

The Braves stood at the plate, swung from the hip and just crashed that apple. Two runs came in and a relief pitcher was hurried to the bullpen. He was not needed, however, for Jimmy came down from the clouds, put something on the sphere and, aided by those double plays and perfect support, breezed through the remaining innings like a champ.

Ring was very active at the plate and excelled on the paths. He pulled an original sacrifice hit which was wonderful to behold. It was one of the most gentlemanly efforts ever seen, because it greatly assisted the visiting team.

In the sixth inning Henline whacked a single and it was up to Ring to get him to second. Jimmy's first bunt was a tall fly which fell foul, but the next time he rolled one to Toney Boeckel, and all Toney did was to start a double play. Therefore, instead of losing one man the Phils lost two, and the Braves appreciated it.

Then came the eighth. Ring again tried to bunt and rolled the ball between Dana Fillingim's legs. Dana reached for the ball and grabbed his foot. Then he kicked the sphere and finally picked it up. In the meantime James was speeding toward first with all of the velocity of a steam roller with two flat tires. The ball was pegged to Holke, and the only reason Ring was not out was because the first baseman dropped the ball.

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BUT pitchers are supposed to pitch and not hit. They don't even have to run. Therefore, we still maintain that Jimmy Ring is an excellent pitcher.

Parkinson Is Unique

FRANK PARKINSON again stood out as a star performer, because he busted up the two-and-two deadlock in the eighth with his triple. It is seldom that three base hits are made on the home grounds, because the park is too small. Home runs are more plentiful in a season. Therefore, Parkinson is unique among other things.

The wallop came when most needed. Leslie was on first and one out. Parkinson leaned against a spitter which refused to spit and sent the ball against the scoreboard in deep center. Powell misjudged the carom and the Trenton sophomore pulled up at third before the ball was sent back to the diamond.

Frank scored an instant later on Henline's fly, which was dropped by Southworth. Captain Billy tried a difficult trick and failed to get away with it. He attempted to throw the ball before he caught it, and any one will tell you that it can't be done. However, it's a good thing the error was made, for Parkinson was so anxious to get home that he had advanced three steps off the bag before the ball was dropped.

Funny how the breaks come in baseball. In the sixth inning Southworth made a longer hit in the same territory and only reached first base. He knocked the ball to the top of the scoreboard, but Cy Williams played the carom perfectly and thus ruined another three-bagger.

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CRUISE again pulled a circus catch when he speared Bevo's long drive in the first inning just before the ball sailed into the bleachers. In a little while the opposing outposts will realize that Bevo also hits to left field.

A's Flop in Boston

OUR A's were wrecked up in Boston, which makes them just one-half as good as they were yesterday. The heavy-clouting Red Sox came to life and evened the set.

Both St. Louis clubs continued to live up to their advance notices, the Browns beating the White Sox and the Cards taking another sock at the Pirates. Danforth won his first game for the Browns.

Cleveland took another from the weakened Detroit Club and the Yanks triumphed in Washington despite the absence of Babe Ruth. The Giants used Phil Douglas and the spitballer came through. Mays twirled for the Yanks.

However and be that as it may, the other ball clubs may win all they please so long as we can get a lingering eyeful of the following and to wit:

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ENTRIES COMING IN AMATEUR TOURNAMENT

Invitation Meet Will Be Held at the Olympia April 26

An invitation amateur boxing tournament will be held at the Olympia Club on Wednesday night, April 26. All of the titleholders of the Middle Atlantic States, who are to compete in the national championships in Boston next Monday and Tuesday, will be entered in the invitation bouts here.

Four entries will be made in each of six classes, so that a total of eighteen matches will be decided. Harry McGrath, chairman of the local A. A. U. Boxing Committee, has started to line up the youngsters who are to compete for first and second prizes to be awarded in each division.

Among the stars who already have announced their willingness to enter the meet here are:

112-pound class—Marty Summers, Curtis; Harry Paschal, Meadowbrook; Alex Greenberg, S. P. H. A.; Nick Revelis, Blackwade, and Johnny Adams, Sunshine.

115-pound class—George Helmar, Enterprise C. C.; Chick Weasy, Curtis; Harry Dipchel, Shanahan; Vincent Grant, O'Briens Institute, and Harry Epstein, unattached.

[illegible]-pound class—George Burns, Villanova; [illegible] Sheeran, West Philadelphia; William [illegible], Meadowbrook, and John Masterson, [illegible].

[illegible]-pound class—Joe Guinan, Joan of Arc; [illegible] Dowling, Leal; Charley Green, unattached, and John Scott, Kavoulis.

[illegible]-pound class—Starley Farren, Versailles; [illegible] Trachtenberg, University of Pennsylvania; Sammy Hurtt, unattached, and [illegible] Markling, Kavoulis.

[illegible] class—Matty Petronis, South[illegible]; William Ford, West Philadelphia, [illegible] Stackleton, of Curtis.

[illegible] Boy to Lead Wesleyan

[illegible] April 14.—H. A. [illegible], Pa., has been [illegible] Wesleyan varsity [illegible] for fall.

BRITONS LOSE AT LACROSSE

Oxford-Cambridge Invaders Beaten by Swarthmore, 9 Goals to 8

Swarthmore College yesterday opened the lacrosse season by defeating the Oxford-Cambridge team in a hotly contested game, 9 goals to 8. It was the third defeat for the Englishmen in their American invasion

At the end of the first half Swarthmore led 7 to 6. Both teams appeared to weaken in the second half and scored only two goals each.

Captain Hopkins and Heylan starred for the visitors, who were somewhat weakened by the loss of Morley, one of their strongest defense men. Morley suffered a sprained knee in the recent game against Pennsylvania.

Y's Krax

THE Babe figures he'd have snared those flies Fewster missed, forgetting the Brown Derby he got for trying to prove it once.

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Phyllis says she never saw any pitcher called "Lee Meadows" at the movies.

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Our Daily Guessing Contest—On which side of the field does the left-fielder play?

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At the 1923 weddings they'll ring the wedding chimes and the Liberty bells.

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Our Daily Motto—A new broom saves nine.

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Uncle Bim is the Joe Dugan of the "funnies."

UNCLE DUDLEY

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DUNDEE AGAIN ON LEONARD'S TRAIL

They Are "Good Friends," but a Title Is a Title, Says Italian

BIG SCANDAL IN BOSTON

By LOUIS H. JAFFE

PLUS his junior lightweight laurels, Johnny Dundee has been anxious for another title. He did a lot of crossfiring at Johnny Kilbane for a crack at the featherweight crown before the latter went abroad, and now Dundee has reopened his open challenging of Benny Leonard for a chance to annex the 135-pound diadem.

While Dundee treasures his "junior" championship, the New York Italian has been quite ambitious to step onto a regular fistic throne for exactly ten years. Back in 1912, just after Kilbane won his title from Abe Attell, Dundee boxed a twenty-round draw with the Cleveland veteran. Since that time Dundee's defis for another meeting with Kilbane have gained him naught.

When Dundee got tired throwing verbal brick-bats at Kilbane, and, incidentally, began to gain in avoirdupois, he started after lightweight titular recognition. Dundee's argument for a bout with Leonard to a decision is the fact that he has met Benny eight different and distinct times in no-verdict bouts, and never was he decisively defeated.

Dundee has been given to understand that Leonard's only holdback in defending his laurels is that they are "good friends," and that Benny's contention is "What's a championship between friends?" That's all hokum, or something like that, according to Dundee.

"We're friends all right," says Dundee, "but I want that championship as much as Leonard does, and I'm going to get it. As far as I'm concerned, the only way Benny can prove his real friendship is to give me a crack at the title in a decision bout."

Joe Lynch "Robbed"

From out of Boston the other night came reports of a decision given Terry Martin, of Providence, against Joe Lynch, of New York. The verdict came as a big surprise to local fans, and then wires came from Eddie Mead and Scotty Monteith, Lynch's handlers, to the effect that Joey had been "cheated."

Exchanges from Boston papers prove that the contentions of Mead and Monteith were correct. Here's several head lines, in cold black type, as they appeared in three different papers:

"Lynch Robbed of Well-Earned Victory in Martin Bout."

"Boxing Reform Imperative. More Decisions Like Last Night's Spell Oblivion."

"Terry Martin Is Handed Decision Over Joe Lynch on Silver Platter."

Referring to the poor Lynch-Martin decision one sports editor asks in ten-point boldface type:

"Do you wonder that boxing champions refuse—as they do refuse—to perform in Boston? Why, indeed, should they put their titles at the mercy of such wild decisions as the judging system produces, and did produce, at the Arena last night?"

All of which proves that decision bouts in Boston, if nowhere else, are taking a lot of interest out of the sport, and may result in killing the game there.

"UNCLE JOE" WAS SOME BATTLER! Joseph Gurney Cannon held his own against all comers during twenty-three years in the House of Representatives. You'll enjoy reading "Uncle Joe's" Philosophy of Life, to appear in the Magazine Section of next Sunday's PUBLIC LEDGER. "Make It a Habit.—Adv.

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AMATEUR BASEBALL GOSSIP

The Lawndale A. A. has reorganized, and any teams having had games booked are requested to get in touch with the new management promptly, so no misunderstanding occurs. The grounds are being put in first class shape and a new stand being erected for the opening game on the 29th. In the meantime, candidates are being tried out, and it is hoped out of the large membership a few future greats will be uncovered. Practically the entire team from last year will be available, but the management would like to hear from a pitcher. Games will be played on the home grounds on Saturday, holiday and twilight games on Wednesdays, but the team will travel on Sundays. Any teams wanting games should write John McBlaine, 1218 Levick street. Phone Fox Chase 1866 M.

Western F. C. played two games this week, losing to the Ryan Juniors, 10 to 5, and winning from the Blue Bell Juniors, 6 to 2.

A **first-class pitcher** would like to join a semi-pro team, M. Blaston, 1903 West Ingersoll street.

Landis A. A., a fast seventeen-eighteen-year-old team, would like to meet teams of this caliber, in or around the city, offering suitable inducements. John Dougherty, 2623 Oakford street.

Hughey McLoon's White Elephants are booking games with all first-class teams, in or out of the city, having grounds and offering reasonable inducements. Hughey McLoon, 2749 South Darien street.

The Summus A. C. a first-class fully uniformed team, would like to hear from home teams of the same caliber offering fair inducements. R. Murphy, 1216 Jackson street.

The Amity Scholastics are anxious to secure games with first-class teams having grounds and offering suitable inducements. B. S. Krantz, 3822 Poplar street.

The Delimar Professionals, one of South Philadelphia's semi-pro teams, have open dates for first-class home teams. E. K. McKenzie, 2323 South Croskey street.

The United States Naval Home, a fast traveling team, would like to hear from first-class home teams in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware. Le Roy Shegog, care United States Naval Home, Twenty-fourth street and Grays Ferry avenue.

Paradise A. C. would like to book games with fifteen-seventeen-year-old clubs for games at home on Saturdays and weekdays. E. Faye, 2923 West Clementine street.

Franklin B. C., a fifteen-year-old traveling team, is anxious to schedule contests with nines of the same age having grounds and offering reasonable inducements. J. Gradner, 608 Race street.

The Parkside A. A., due to a misunderstanding, has lost its home grounds, and wishes to notify those clubs that have been placed on the Parkside's schedule that these games are canceled. It will, therefore, travel until new grounds are secured. It is anxious to hear from first-class home teams. Paul S. Pachter, 1739 Callowhill street.

A young college player with experience and hailing from a New England State is now visiting Atlantic City, and is anxious to connect with a first-class team. W. J. Cory, 2829 Arctic avenue, Atlantic City, N. J.

Dicks A. C. would like to hear from traveling teams. J. Leonard Roberts, Eighty-second street and Dicks avenue.

Southwestern A. C., a fast uniformed traveling team, is booking games with teams having grounds, especially eighteen-to-twenty-year-old nines, offering reasonable guarantees. Frederick Bingham, 4517 Chester avenue.

The Clearfield A. C., a new independent semi-pro team, with a number of well-known stars in its line-up, would like to hear from first-class home teams. A. J. Toefield, 1431 West Indiana avenue.

The Garfield A. A., a first-class traveling nine, is anxious to hear from teams of the same class offering suitable inducements. George Mulligan, 1939 Cambria street.

St. John's A. A., of Collingswood, N. J., a first-class traveling nine, is open for games with teams of the same caliber offering reasonable inducements. George F. Dooley, 319 Sloan avenue, Collingswood, N. J.

Victor B. C., a twelve-to-fourteen-year-old nine, would like to book games with teams of the same caliber paying expenses. Julie Forstein, 971 North Tenth street.

Crescent A. C., a traveling aggregation, would like to hear from fifteen-to-seventeen-year-old teams having grounds. James Carr, 2803 Sharpe street.

The Clover A. C. is anxious to hear from sixteen-to-eighteen-year-old nines having grounds. William Wheeler, 617 Wolf street.

The Frankford Club, formerly the Frankford A. C., is anxious to hear from such teams as it played last year and other first-class home teams offering suitable inducements. H. C. Fox, 1528 Sellers street, Frankford.

The Young Men's Hebrew Association would like to book Sunday games at home and other days away. Edgar S. Rolle, 3036 North Fifth street.

The Amity Scholastics would like to book games with first-class teams. B. Krantz, 3822 Poplar street.

Germania Turnverein, a first-class traveling aggregation, has open dates for nines offering suitable inducements. Ed Waldeck, 402 Leverington avenue.

Port Richmond A. A. has open dates in April and May for games away. J. Whiteside, 331 East Lehigh avenue, or telephone Kensington 6360.

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Atlantic City, April 14.—The final and, incidentally, the most important swimming meet of the season in the Middle Atlantic A. A. U. district will be held in the Hygeia Swimming Club pool here tonight. Two championship races, two cup events and two minor contests are on the program.

Three of the main battles will be for men. They are the fancy diving and 50-yard Middle Atlantic championships and the 100-yard free-style race for the Alamac Cup.

The women's feature event will be a 100-yard free-style for the Hygiea Cup.

Philadelphia aquatic stars are the present holders of the trophies, and are expected to be on hand to defend their honors. Pat Reilly won the Alamac and Eleanor Uhl the Hygiea Cup last year. Reilly and Miss Uhl represented the Meadowbrook Club, but will compete unattached tonight.

Al Berman, local merman, who is the Middle Atlantic 100-yard champion, is expected to put up a strong bid for the men's cup. Berman defeated the Quaker City entry in a century dash last week, and is favorite to repeat.

Hygiea swimmers are also regarded as place winners in the fight for the Middle Atlantic diving crown. [illegible] Bubin, junior national titleholder, and Oscar Blew, both of Hygiea, are expected to settle the dispute between them.

Blew is an Atlantic City High School student, and holds the New Jersey State scholastic diving championship.

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