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WILBERT ROBINSON HAS WON PENNANT WITH TEAM OF CAST-OFFS THIS YEAR

Former Oriole Star Takes Discards From Other Clubs and Welds Them Into Pennant Winning Combination—Robinson One of Leading Players in His Day, When Tossers Were Taught to Think—Played With Jennings, McGraw, Clarkson

Wilbert Robinson has made good. He has taken his team to the top of the ladder in the National League for the first time in 16 years. Before Robbie came to the squad across the bridge the Dodgers had failed to make a showing for the pennant. Now the flag will wave over Ebbets Field next year.

Robinson learned his baseball in the old school under Ned Hanlon and played on the same team with many stars. For three years beginning in 1894, Robinson played a world's champion team. On that squad were Pitchers Epper, Hoffer, Pond, McMahon, Hemming and the great Clarkson. Robinson was the catcher, and during those years hit far above the 300 mark.

Robinson has taken a team of players who have worn the uniforms of other teams and welded them together into a machine that is fighting all the time. There are many of the leading thinking players on this squad and they have made good. There are more discards to the square foot on that Brooklyn team than anywhere else outside of the minor leagues, but Robinson has welded them together into a winning hand.

There is Mike Mowrey on third base, who has been cast off by any number of major league managers. He is one of the most dangerous pinch hitters in the game. Ivan Olson was finally picked to fill the yawning gap at short field, and Ivan wasn't good enough for any team in the American League after Cleveland grew tired of him. Then there is Jimmy Johnston, the catcher who has been up into the majors and back again so many times that even he has lost count. He went out and found wanting by both Chicago teams because he could not hit. Wilbert Robinson has injected some swat serum into him apparently.

On the pitching staff look at Larry Cheney, Rube Marquard and Jack Coombs. And behind the bat Chief Meyers. To be sure one or two of these players are not exactly discards because they were obtained in trade, but the majority of them were picked up in small effort simply because they did not fit into the hands that previously held them.

One could form an "old men's club" out of the Robinson outfit and get a large membership without great effort, and that was what made the experts at the beginning of the season decline to take Robinson's leadership seriously. But they are no longer joking about the wisdom and catches supposed to be worn by the Robinson off the field. It may be an old men's team, but it plays baseball the way it used to be played and that seems to be able to beat the game that is played by younger blood.

There doesn't seem to be any player on Robinson's team that can't at least make a good attempt to do anything he wants him to do in a given situation. That is the mark of a player of ten years ago. They were not so highly specialized as the youngsters have become. Players are carried today to do certain things and nothing else. There are 300 hitters in the big leagues who cannot lay down a sacrifice bunt with any degree of certainty. They have developed their talent for hitting 'em out with much care and constant practice, but at the cost of all around ability, and it is an axiom that pennants never have been won by base hits alone.

Glendon cited the old Baltimore team of which he was a member under Ned Hanlon. According to the 81st Hanlon used to sit on the bench, keep score of the game, and put down the rotation of his pitchers, then let the players do the rest. He did not even have to watch his players off the field, for they constituted a mutual detective agency. Any player on that team when it was in the pennant winning or contending class who did not keep himself in condition to do his best was handled by the players themselves as a rule, because he was not playing fair with them, as well as doing his club owners an injustice.

Hanlon did not even have to call his men down for making a dumb play or overlooking a chance to trap an opponent. By the time that player's teammates had got through "ragging" him for his mistake there was nothing Hanlon could add to the symposium, and the player could not nurse a grudge on the theory that the manager had it in for him, because he had the whole team on his back to convince him he was wrong and had no alibi.

Today the player who jumps on a teammate for a mistake is regarded as a crab and shortly finds himself unpopular. No thought is taken of the fact the player is working hard and soul for the success of his team and is prodding others for their own benefit as well as his own. When a baseball team has a chance for the pennant every player who makes a costly mistake or fails to keep himself in perfect condition to do his best is an enemy of every other player on that team in a way. He goes to expect to be called down by his teammates for a blunder that may cost each of them a share in the world's series receipts.

If, for the indulgence of his own selfish whims or habits, he puts himself out of condition, there is no reason why the other players should not take him to task and roast him for injuring their own interests as well as his own without in any way betraying him to his manager.

That is not the fashion now. The manager is supposed to do all the calling down and to watch against all infractions of discipline. In fact, the manager in the whole scheme, and if the team falls it is his fault.

Brooklyn's discards date back to the days when each player was on his honor to behave when there was a chance for a pennant and when a mistake precipitated a roast from the rest of them. And look where they are.

Frank Moran has lost part of his bank role. It all came about through his not knowing Bud Goodwin, the famous New York A. C. amphibian. Frank was enjoying himself at Long Beach, New York, recently. He particularly admired the splendid swimming of Mlle. Santl, the dancer. After she easily had beaten him in several trials, Frank got so enthusiastic that he offered to bet Tom Healy that Mlle. Santl could beat any male swimmer on the beach.

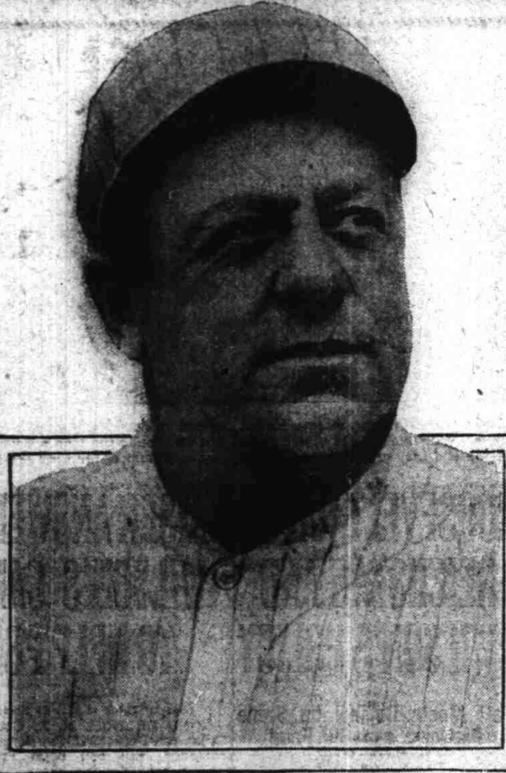
Healy's keen Celtic eyes just at that time noticed Bud Goodwin strolling along the sands towards the party. Tom promptly offered to bet Frank that the first man who came along could give Mlle. Santl fifty yards in a hundred and beat her.

Moran said the bet could go for a dinner for ten, to be eaten at Healy's place, says a friend in telling of it. Moran seemed to be the only one of the crowd ignorant of Goodwin's record and identity. An approximate hundred yards was marked off just outside the bathing lines.

Goodwin won easily. When the men were introduced after the race Moran said he was pleased to meet Goodwin, and he tried to act as if he meant it.

The Germans have fined the Belgian towns of Jemeppe-sur-Sambre and Moustier-sur-Sambre \$10,000 each because enemy fliers dropped bombs in their vicinity.

Robinson, Leader of Dodgers, Happiest Man In Baseball!



Wilbert Robinson has brought the first pennant to Brooklyn in many years, and the fans in that section of Greater New York have idolized the big leader of the Supers. Robinson has followed the system of John McGraw to a great extent, but has been closer to his men. He was one of the famous catchers of his day with the Baltimore Orioles.

BRUSHERS WANT TO TAKE SCALP OF 25TH SQUAD

Will Lineup Strongest Team in Service to Make an Attack on Wrecking Crew

"We are going to beat the 25th Infantry if it takes all year," said Brush, manager of the All-Stars, after the defeat by the Wreckers on Sunday. "Already plans are being arranged for an all-service squad, and it will be a good one. There are several new players who should make a good showing."

Brush has the right idea all right, and the fans were satisfied with the showing that the team made against the 25th Infantry. Ralls and Estelle covered themselves with glory, and Jackson, Johnson and Lynch looked good. Lynch carries a punch in his hat, and got two healthy drives off Jasper in the last game.

Dawson a Star Sacktop
With Dawson behind the bat the team looks like a winner. This player has a mighty good head, and knows how to handle his pitchers. Despite an illness he went into the game on Sunday and made a good showing, and kept South busy all the time holding down the Wreckers.

Brush will also have McGavin and Robertson to call upon to handle the sacktop position, and in the pitching line there are a number of pitchers who look good. Given a fast team behind them, and one that could hit, there are several slabsters who would make good. South hurled a good game on Sunday in the early innings, and had his drop working in excellent shape.

Among the pitchers Brush will be able to call upon are Amama, Hollerback, Simmons, South, Peed, Zearie of the St. Louis, Stewart of Fort Rucker and "Blondy" Williams of the Engineers. Amama pitched against the 25th, and was only beaten by one run, while Hollerback, the southpaw, looked good against the Wreckers. Zearie has a world of stuff, and Stewart is one of the headiest pitchers in the Islands.

There are a number of good men in the service who can handle the initial sack, among them being Captain Andrus of Fort Kamehameha, Jackson and Stockwell of Shafter and one or two others. In the infield there are Lynch, Johnson, Hughes, of St. Louis, McGarry, Critchfield, Pelt, Kerstetter and others. With Ralls and Estelle as a nucleus for a good outfield Brush should be able to land a strong team that would not only make a hard fight with the Wreckers but give any visiting team a good battle.

HEALANIS STAGE BIG AFFAIR AT CLUB PARLORS

Chowder Party Well Attended Last Evening; Talks and Vaudeville Program

Members of the Healanis Boat Club gathered last evening at the clubhouse to honor the swimmers and oarsmen who had made a record showing this year. More than 200 members were seated at the table when the first bowl of chowder was passed around.

After the "chow" A. G. Lowder, who presided, introduced the coaches in turn, and each paid their respects to the oarsmen and swimmers who had made such an excellent record.

Among those who talked were J. W. Lloyd, Willard Grace, J. B. Lightfoot, Lawrence Cunha, Frank Dillon, A. L. C. Atkinson, A. C. Reinecke, C. P. Brown, G. E. Gall and Harold Kruger. The meeting was featured by a get-together spirit that was in evidence all through the season. The following was the program:

- Selection, "Alice March".....
- Reach Glee Club Presentation of Cups and Medals.....
- "Don't Bite the Hand That's Feeding You".....
- Chas. Gansert Ukulele Selection.....
- David Bent Presentation of A. A. U. Cups, and Talk.....
- A. T. Longley Steel Guitar Selection, Prof. Al Hook Short Stories.....
- C. E. Mayne, Jr. Steel Guitar and Ukulele Selection.....
- John Kelli and David Bent Monologue.....
- D. R. Armstrong Ukulele Selection.....
- John Kaathus Short Stories and Jokes.....
- W. H. Hutton Medley.....
- Reach Glee Club Contortionist Act.....
- D. R. Armstrong Wrestling Bout.....
- Bat Nelson vs. Kid Jones Wrestling Bout.....
- H. L. Derby vs. R. K. Fuller Boxing Bout.....
- Willie Rowatt vs. Kenneth Decker.....

Babe Ruth may go gleaming in the fields some time within the next few days and may have an opportunity to run into Wheat if the Robins can take the Giants down the line for about two more games.

Sir Cavendish Boyle, who was governor of Newfoundland from 1901 to 1904, is dead.

THESE PLAYERS WILL FIGHT FOR BIG BASEBALL HONORS OF YEAR THIS MONTH

Many Players Will Be Competing in First World Series—'Nap' Rucker Will Have First Opportunity to Break Into Big Classic—Meyers and Merkle Will Again Wear Uniform

(Facts giving position of players and whether they bat and throw right or left-handed.)

| BOSTON RED SOX | | | | BROOKLYN DODGERS | | | |
|---------------------|------|------|------|----------------------------|------|----|------|
| Player | P. | B. | Thw. | Player | P. | B. | Thw. |
| Shore, Ernest | P. | R. | R. | Wilbert, Robinson, manager | | | |
| Leonard, H. B. | P. | L. | L. | Pfeffer, Edward J. | P. | R. | R. |
| Ruth, George H. | P. | L. | L. | Dell, W. G. | P. | R. | R. |
| Foster, George | P. | R. | R. | Cheney, Larry | P. | R. | R. |
| Mays, Carl | P. | R. | R. | Smith, Sherrod | P. | R. | L. |
| Gregg, Vean | P. | L. | L. | Coombs, Jack | P. | L. | R. |
| Wycokoff, J. W. | P. | R. | R. | Rucker, G. N. | P. | R. | L. |
| Jones, Samuel | P. | R. | R. | Appleton, Edward | P. | R. | L. |
| Carrigan, Bill | C. | R. | R. | Marquard, Richard | P. | L. | L. |
| Cady, Forrest | C. | R. | R. | Mills, Walter | P. | R. | L. |
| Agnew, Samuel | C. | L. | R. | Miller, Otto | C. | R. | R. |
| Thomas, Chester D. | C. | L. | R. | Meyers, John T. | C. | R. | R. |
| Hoblitzell, Richard | I.B. | L. | R. | Daubert, Jake | I.B. | L. | R. |
| Gainer, Del | I.B. | R. | R. | Merkle, Fred | I.B. | R. | R. |
| Barry, Jack | I.B. | R. | R. | Cutshaw, George | I.B. | R. | R. |
| Janvria, Harold | I.B. | S.S. | R. | Olson, Ivan | S.S. | R. | R. |
| Scott, Everett | S.S. | R. | R. | O'Mara, Oliver | S.S. | R. | R. |
| Gardner, W. L. | S.S. | L. | R. | Mowrey, Harry | S.S. | R. | R. |
| McNally, Michael | S.S. | R. | R. | Getz, Gustave | L.F. | R. | R. |
| Shorten, Charles | L.F. | L. | R. | Myers, H. H. | C.F. | R. | R. |
| Hooper, Harry | L.F. | R. | R. | Johnston, James | C.F. | R. | L. |
| Lewis, George | L.F. | R. | R. | Stengel, Charles | R.F. | L. | R. |
| Walker, Clarence | C.F. | R. | R. | Wheat, Zach | L.F. | L. | R. |
| Henriksen, Olaf | C.F. | L. | L. | | | | |

'HIRA' HALL HAS BEEN MAKING BIG HIT IN SEALDOM

"Hira" Hall, who made a good impression here, backstopping for the Santa Clara team, is making a hit in San Francisco. He has been hitting well in addition to making a success behind the rubber. The San Francisco Bulletin has this to say about the young catcher:

The young Mr. Francis Hall, leading citizen of Marysville, looks as if he will be of great assistance to the 1917 Seals, if not for the balance of the season.

Sunday morning Hall worked behind the log when "Olaf" Erickson was on the mound for the Seals, and anybody who has seen "Olaf" in action, when he is bearing down on the old ball and putting every ounce of

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- + I love to see the batter crack
- + The pill from here to Ikaenack
- + Providing that fence-busting Ike
- + Is busting for the club I like
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- + I like to lamp a fielding guy
- + Propel his flu against the sky
- + And grab a four-ply erent clot
- + When with the club for which I
- + shout
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- + I'm quite delighted when I see
- + A pitcher winning fluently
- + That is, unless the lucky stiff
- + Should pick my favorite team to
- + whiff
- *****

his weight behind each pitch, will realize that catching him is a full day's work. Sunday morning Erickson walked but one man, and that in the latter part of the game. This would indicate that Hall held "Olaf" up in good style.

Buffalo won the pennant in the International League. It had an outfielder by the name of Kopp. Strange, Oakland has a catcher by the name of Vann.

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