

MORAN'S CHAMPIONS WILL HAVE TO HURRY TO REPEAT VICTORY OF LAST SEASON

PHILLIES HAVE DIFFICULT JOB AHEAD TO PUT THEIR RIVALS OUT OF THE RACE

Even if Brooklyn Is Eliminated, Moranmen Will Have Tough Fight to Whip Stallings's Boston Braves in Final Battle

THE homestretch of the baseball season has been reached. At the last turn the Phillies are being led by two clubs—the Brooklyn Dodgers and Boston Braves.

Even if the Phillies are able to put a damaging crimp in the Dodgers in the long series which began today, there yet remains the Boston club to be reckoned with, and it is not a certainty by any means that the champions are going to be able to catch the Dodgers in this series.

The thing which favors the Moranmen most is the fact that there will be five games played with Brooklyn here as a starter to the sprint down the stretch. Unquestionably the Dodgers would be out of the running if the Phils took four of these contests, because Robinson's men have demonstrated on more than one occasion that they are not gifted with a great amount of pinch nerve.

Braves Are Speeding Up the Pace

TO TALK with the Philly players is to realize that they do not fear the Brooklyn club one-half as much as they do their rivals from Boston. The Braves have been going at a fairly good clip recently, and it is a safe prediction that if they get within striking distance of the Dodgers Dick Rudolph will "pitch his head off" to win enough games to go to the top and stay there during the remaining days of the season.

But at that Rudolph is not the only dependable pitcher on the Boston club by any means. Tyler, Barnes and Hughes have each made a good showing and either is liable to turn in a victory when it is most needed. Furthermore, Rudolph is going to be ready to help out in the relief work besides taking his regular turn in the box.

The Phillies' trip through the West was not a success, yet manager Moran hopes that the next five games at Broad and Huntingdon streets will put them on their feet again and that they will start again to play that smooth brand of baseball which they were playing when they left for the final swing around the western end of the circuit.

If the Phillies do eliminate the Boston and Brooklyn clubs from the running they will have accomplished one of the best baseball feats recorded in years. Consequently it is easy to see that the work they have laid out for themselves is very difficult and that the odds are against their being returned victors in the race for the 1916 flag in the National League.

Detroit's Stock Goes Soaring As Red Sox Lose

ALTHOUGH the White Sox victory over the Athletics yesterday kept them within half a game of the Detroit Tigers, the stock of Jennings's men took a material jump when the Jugglers trounced the New York Yankees while the Red Sox were being downed by the St. Louis Browns.

Detroit after yesterday's combats was only three games behind the league leaders. Not only that, but Ty Cobb and his team mates are going at a much more rapid clip at present than the Boston Americans, who have been so weakened by the loss of Jack Barry. Harry Coveleskie is the young man upon whom is falling the burden of winning, or at least attempting to win, a pennant for the Tigers.

The Tigers have not a good pitching staff, but they are making a run for the flag, and, as stated in these columns before, unless the Red Sox hurlers do as they did last season—come very strong at the finish—the Fenway folk will not figure in the 1916 world's series.

Joe Tinker Has Hard Luck Passing Batsmen.

NO ONE has ever figured out exactly what percentage of defensive efficiency is reached by purposely passing a batsman to get a supposedly weaker hitter. However, the majority of managers and pitchers believe in expediency many times during a season. Such pitchers as Alexander and Walter Johnson do not often pass men intentionally, because they are, as a rule, able to retire one batsman as easily as another. But others who are not such great pitchers and who realize it often pass the eighth man in the batting order, when they are in a hole, to get the pitcher.

Joe Tinker is one manager who thinks twice before he orders one of his hurling staff to deliberately give a man a pass. The Cubs' leader has been unfortunate in selecting this method of defense, as the appended incident will prove: Early in May Brooklyn was playing the Cubs. Tinker ordered Jack Meyers to get Wheeler Dell, who was doing the twirling for the Dodgers. Dell rapped off a single and a rally was started that ended in Brooklyn's scoring three runs and eventually winning the game, 8 to 5.

The same teams were playing on June 17 in what proved to be an 11-inning contest. Cuthaw was on second base and Meyers up. Tinker again ordered Meyers to be passed to get Coomba. Kennenbunk John singled and won the game for the Robins, 4 to 3.

One month later Brooklyn was again playing the Cubs and Tinker ordered McCarty passed. Dell once more came through with a hit and the Dodgers won, 2 to 1.

Church Shows Up Back Court Game

GEORGE M. CHURCH, former Princeton athlete, proved to the tennis world that the Oriental champion, Ichiji Kumagae, is no match for a player with a highly developed net and volley game.

Kumagae can stand drives from the baseline with almost any player in the world and win a majority of his starts, or he even can win an occasional match against a player who favors the midcourt position for his volleys. This was proved when he dropped Champion Johnston in the Newport final.

But Kumagae has yet to beat the net game. He failed against Armstrong at Longwood and against Murray at Seabright and against Church at Forest Hills. The Jap may have had "something else up his sleeve beside his well-known cuff," as G. Rice said, but if so, he failed to show it yesterday.

Everything was against "Itchy" yesterday. Church played better than he knew how, which was one thing he had to cope with; but in addition some 5000 souls were rooting against him, save only a few hundred fellow countrymen seated in the north stand, who grinned broad grins when Kumagae scored a point and looked daggers when Church scored.

Kumagae does not expect to return next year. He is a very retiring gentleman, even in the face of adversity. In his attempts to carry on a conversation in English, "Itchy" manages to say a couple of words and then, finding himself "stumped," he whips out a pocket dictionary. He is a graduate of Keio University, Tokio, class of 1914, and is 24 years old. He will return to Japan within a few weeks to become a banker.

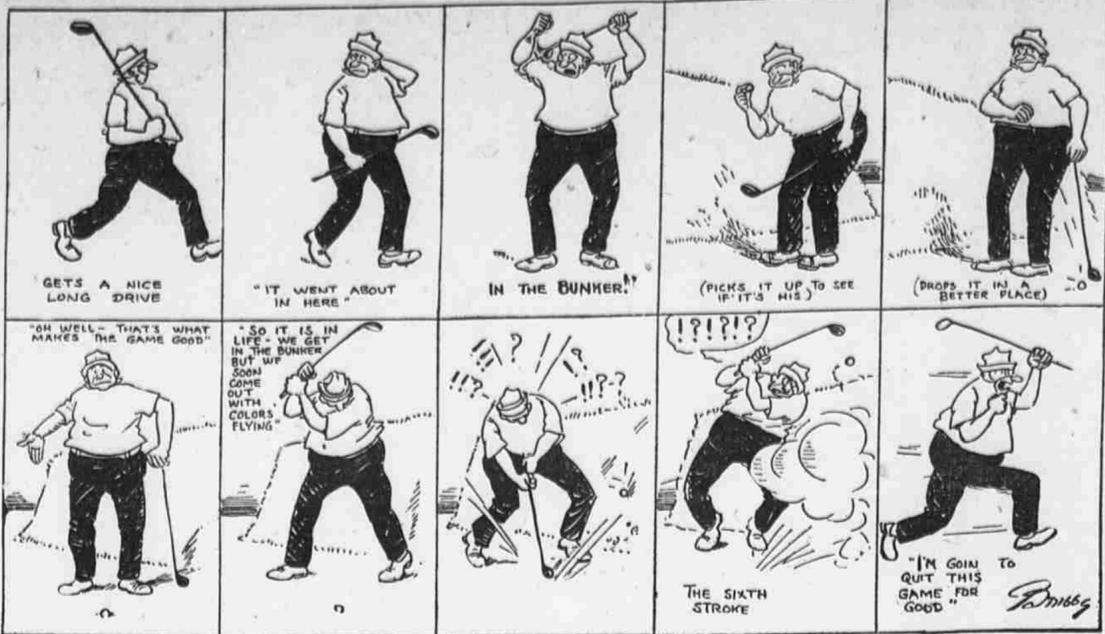
The Athletics looked very bad yesterday. The chief cause of this was the poor pitching of Joe Bush and Jack Nabors. Even a team of veterans often looks bad when the hurling is of an inferior order, but if a bunch of misfits such as the Athletics are not got good twirling it is all over but the hooting.

Maurice E. McLoughlin's easy victory over Theodore Roosevelt Fell yesterday at Forest Hills is making the experts sit up in their armchairs and take careful notice. Even at that there are very few who have seen the men on the courts who believe that the western crack will be back in his 1914 and 1915 form.

The New York Giants will doubtless be very much strengthened by the addition of the great Zim. At the same time, they are out of the pennant race for this season. Even if Zimmerman plays the best ball of his career it will not be sufficient to send the Giants to the top.

John McGraw's contract with the New York Giants does not expire until after the season of 1917. Until that time it is likely that nothing authentic will be given out regarding McGraw's transfer to the White Sox until late in 1917. Hence there is no use getting excited about the story.

MOVIE OF A MAN IN A BUNKER



WILEY WINS RACE AT 'DROME; PACE KILLS OFF CARMAN

Syracuse Flyer Captures 100-Mile Kilometer Event for the Championship

WALTHOUR FINISHES 2D

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

George Wiley outgeneraled and outdressed Clarence Carman at the Point Breeze Motor-drome last night and won the 100-kilometer race for the international championship of the world. The Syracuse flyer covered the distance—62 1/2 miles—in 1 hour 17 minutes 45.5 seconds. Walthour was second, two-thirds of a lap behind; Carman third, five laps in the rear, and Didier and Linart trailed behind, 7 and 9 miles to the back.

It was the greatest race ever held on the local track, and the huge crowd, which packed the gigantic stands and overflowed on the field, was almost wild with excitement. The winner was in doubt up to the forty-fifth mile, and that is what made it interesting. Wiley, Carman and Walthour were bunched in the lead, with only a few yards separating them. They were riding at a furious pace—nearly 40 miles an hour—each striving to gain the lead. The pace was too fast to hold very long, and the spectators waited eagerly for one of the riders to falter under the strain. They expected something to happen—and it did.

Wiley Takes Lead Carman was leading at the fortieth mile, with Wiley a close second. Suddenly the Syracuse flyer increased his pace, and before the American champion had time to react had taken the lead. Carman then started a sprint and closed the gap between them until his front wheel touched the rear wheel of the leader, but Wiley was faster. Lunging forward and placing every ounce of strength in his sturdy legs on the pedals, Wiley kept in front, sprinting just as fast as the man behind him. Neck and neck they rode around the circular track, while the crowd frantically cheered them on.

At 45 miles Wiley led by 15 yards, Carman was second and Walthour third. After the next mile, Carman, evidently tired of being in the rear, started out to overtake the leader, and the real excitement began. He crept closer and closer as the laps went by, and at the forty-eighth mile was only two feet behind. Like two flies glued to a wall, the riders flew around the track, traveling as they never traveled before.

Carman Drops Back

Then came a mighty roar from the crowd as Wiley slowly drew away from his rival. It wasn't much, but it could easily be seen that he was gaining. A few seconds later frantic cheering came from the stands as Carman was seen to falter. He tried hard to keep up the terrible pace behind Jimmy Hunter, but his tired legs would not respond. He made a heroic attempt to put on one more sprint, but he had given all he had. He swayed on his wheel, lost his pacemaker and from then on was out of the race.

Carman was "all in." For once in his career he was outridden, but it cannot be said that he was outgamed. After picking up his pacemaker again, he rode just as hard as before, but he had lost too much ground. It was the first time the speed boy ever "broke" during a race through exhaustion at the local track. From then on Wiley had things his own way. Walthour was 100 yards behind and riding a beautiful race, but he, too, was unable to make up the lost ground. Bobby deserves lots of credit for his wonderful work, and had he not been troubled slightly at the start Wiley would have been forced to make faster time in order to win.

Didier, the French champion, took the lead at the start, with Wiley second, Walthour third and Carman fourth. The foreigner did some fast riding, and at the end of five miles was leading by a good margin. Walthour, in the meantime, had taken second place. Linart had trouble with his motor and dropped back at six miles, and soon Columbatto had his usual hard luck, and retired from the race after his motor went bad.

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COBB SAYS PRESENT PENNANT CHASE IS TEST RACE AND BEST FIGHTING CLUB WILL TRIUMPH

By GRANTLAND RICE

"I HAVE been in some great American League races the last 11 years," says Ty Cobb, "but never in anything like this one before. In most of those other close races you could figure on one or two rivals by September. Now, no matter which way you turn, there is a possible pennant winner at your elbow, taking a wallop at your head. I don't believe there ever has been anything like it in baseball. Here, with five months of the schedule over, there are still six clubs less than seven or eight games apart and five of the six are less than three games apart."

"This means a test race, where the best fighting club will win—I mean by that the club that can face tough competition day after day without a rest. Before this there always have been a number of weak spots in which to get a new start, but there are no resting places now. "Which," concluded Ty, "is one reason I figure Detroit with a strong chance, for I know we can stand up under the fire."

White vs. Welsh There is no vast amount of difference to be distributed among Charley White, Benny Leonard and Johnny Dundee. One is about as capable as the other two in a test battle with Welsh. So it stands that if Freddie of Wales can trim White decisively over the 20-round drive, there can be little question as to his continued supremacy. White is not only a hard hitter, but an experienced boxer. For 10 rounds he is pretty sure to run second. But his best chance comes in the last eight rounds, where Welsh is likely to show up more than a bit unless he carries more ruggedness in his system than we think he happens to have. On the dope the melee looks about as even a proposition as we have seen in some time.

Books Golf Players Should Read "The Pit"—Narcis. "The Water Hole"—Stanley. A three-ring circus is one thing. But keeping an eye peeled on Brooklyn, Boston and the Phillies in the National League, while limping the antics of Boston, Detroit, St. Louis, Chicago, New York and Cleveland in American League is an assignment that belongs to Old Doc Argus, not an ordinary mortal with only two orbs at work.

Unless C. Mack suppresses Joe Bush he

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The Kilbane-Chaney Bout on Labor Day ROBERT W. MAXWELL Sports Editor of the EVENING LEDGER will view the Kilbane-Chaney fight for the world's featherweight championship at Cedar Point, Ohio, on Labor Day. The largest purse ever offered for the featherweight championship has been placed, and it will be a big bout all the way through. Maxwell will give an interesting and expert account of the bout in the final edition of the EVENING LEDGER on Labor Day. Evening Ledger

BARNES LIFTS TITLE IN CONNECTICUT TOURNEY

NEW LONDON, Conn., Sept. 1.—Picking up seven strokes in the afternoon round on the lead of MacDonald Smith, "Long" Jim Barnes, of Whitmarsh Valley, won the Shenecossett open golf tournament here yesterday afternoon with a 36-hole score of 145 strokes. Close on his heels was Mike Brady, of Oakley, and Alex Smith, of Wykagyl, who tied for second place with 147 strokes, while MacDonald Smith finished fourth, a stroke behind.

Hagen, Barnes and Brady were favorites for the Connecticut open title, which goes to the winner of the tournament, but although Barnes and Brady ran true to form, the Rochester "pro" landed in the traps in his afternoon round and finished far out of the running. The finish was one of the most sensational and exciting ever seen in an open tournament.

At the end of the morning round MacDonald Smith led the field with a score of 69, setting a new record for the Shenecossett links.

SELLERS D. CAPTURES 2:10 PACE AT BYBERRY

Glendora and Mary Coastman Also Victors in County Fair Races

The second day's racing held in connection with the Philadelphia County Fair produced a good card of racing, with three races on the card. While the classes were not large, the racing was up to the standard in every particular.

The Reading pacer Sellers D. won the 2:10-class pace in straight heats. Edna Hamlin and Sam De Sure were always the factors at the finish, and while the heat did not average fast the last two were paced in good time.

Only four of the original entries started in the 2:14-class trot, which went to the Camden mare Glendora in straight heats. Border Scout acted badly in the scoring, delaying the racing at the start. Amo, the speedy gray trotter, was always a dangerous contestant, winning second place in the race.

Mary Coastman and Hal Direct were the heat winners in the 2:14-class pace. Hal won the opening heat, after which he was not a dangerous factor, Alice M. setting the pace to the wire.

This afternoon's racing card will include entries from the Philadelphia Driving Club, three classes, and the runners will have their inning, when the events will consist of flat races on the track and a steep-chase through the woods and fields.

Table with race results: 2:10 pace, purse \$400, mile heats, best 2 in 1. Sellers D. (by Larfoot, W. J.) 1 1 1. Eckert, Reading, Pennock 2 3 3. Sam De Sure, S. J. Karper, Shippenburg, Pa., Natchez 3 3 3. Bottle Boy, F. J. Williams, Yoland, Philadelphia, Yoland 4 4 4. 2:14 trot, purse \$400, mile heats, best 2 in 1. Glendora, Mrs. W. H. Hester, Bright, Lancaster, Pa., M. Stittman, Camden, N. J. 1 1 1. Fibian 2 3 3. Amo, S. M. Phipps, Philadelphia, Pa., Phipps 3 3 3. Border Scout, S. J. Thomas, Berry, Flemington, N. J., Berry 4 4 4.

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