

MORAN HAS NO MORE TO DO WITH REDS THAN BAN JOHNSON HAS WITH THE AMERICAN LEAGUE

PAT MORAN SAYS ONLY MIRACLE MEN ON REDS ARE HIS 25 PLAYERS

Cincinnati Boss Takes No Credit for Showing in National League Dash—Claims He Is Lucky in Having Great Ball Club Behind Him

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PAT MORAN refuses to be called a Miracle Man of baseball. The silver-topped impresario insists he has had little or nothing to do with the wonderful playing of the Cincinnati ball club and if any credit is dished out, the players, not himself, should get all of it.

Last Saturday night at a banquet tendered the Red players by Frank Poth at the Walton, Pat was asked to make a speech. Everybody else had made his oration and verbal bouquets were landing all around Moran. Then the manager arose to his feet and gave his version of the affair.

"I am not a miracle man," he said, "although the writers throughout the country insist on calling me that. I have been lucky in having a great ball club to work for me and every player has worked as hard as I to attain success. We have twenty-five players on the team and I must say they are twenty-five miracle men. I am only one-twenty-sixth of the success of the Reds.

"If the ball players go out every day, play their heads off, show lots of pep and aggressiveness and will not admit defeat, it is almost impossible to lose a ball game. It is then that a manager has an easy time of it. The winning spirit is there and the men obey orders without a whimper. On the other hand, the best manager in the world can do nothing if his players fail to give their best efforts.

"Every man on my ball club is working hard. Every man is in the game to win. For that reason give credit where credit's due. Jake Daubert, Helme Groh, Sherry Magee, Eddie Rousch, Morrie Rath, Billy Kopf, Ivy Wingo, in fact all of them are doing their best and they should be praised. It is the greatest ball club I ever have managed, and the boys deserve the success they have attained."

MORAN evidently forgets that he virtually rebuilt the team this spring, took five mediocre pitchers and converted them into stars and taught the men some inside baseball that they never dreamed of. He also strengthened the morale of the athletes and turned them into winners. He is a big one-twenty-sixth of the ball club.

Only One No-Hit Game

WHAT has become of the no-hit pitchers this year? The season is almost over and only one no-hit, unless conflict has been turned in. Hod Eller, the shine ball artist of Cincinnati, turned the trick one dark, gloomy afternoon in May against St. Louis and no one has tied him as yet.

It isn't a cinch to throw a no-hit game. The pitcher must be in great shape and his supporting cast must be better than that. Sensational catches in the outfield, wonderful plays in the infield all help to make it a perfect day.

The best pitchers, however, seldom break into the hall of fame. By that I mean men like Mathewson, Walter Johnson and Grover Alexander. Alex has been trying for years to get by with a hitless contest, but something always happens to crab the act.

Last Friday he was in great form and might have put it over only for a scratch hit which bounced off Cy Williams's bat in the first. Cy hit a high fly in right center and Lee Magee went after it. Just as he was about to make the catch he lost the ball in the sun and it fell safe for a double. After that the Phils couldn't connect safely and that was the only single in seven innings. In the eighth and ninth Alex eased up and was hit safely several times. Alex might have pitched a no-hit game if that scratch had been eliminated.

The big pitcher has had several hard-luck finishes in his career, the worst being staged in St. Louis in 1915. He had the Cards beaten to death in the ninth. The score was 5 to 0, two out, two strikes on the batter and no hits had been made.

Now in a case like that, there is an unwritten law among ball players that the batter will take the third strike and help the pitcher. But this was not done.

BUTLER, who was at the plate, threw his bat at the ball and knocked it over second for a clean single. Even the St. Louis players gave Butler the ras for pulling that trick. I saw Alexander's nearest approach to a no-hit game.

Reds Set New Winning-Streak Record

HOD ELLER didn't pitch any no-hit game yesterday, one reason being that he didn't work, but despite this the Reds set a record anyhow. The men of Moran went out and beat our Phils hands down, 7-3, for their eighth consecutive victory. No other club in the league has been able to pass the seven-straight mark this season. Twice the Reds have been stopped after coping seven in a row and the Giants, Cards and Pirates have reached the mark and then failed once.

The record is likely to be boosted another notch or two today for Moran has Hod Eller and Ring to fling against the Phils in the doubleheader that will mark the last showing of the future champions in this city this season.

Fats Pets are booked for three exhibition games up-state after they leave here tomorrow and the natives of Parkersburg, York and Harrisburg will be given a chance to see the pacemakers in action. Moran will not be with the club. He will spend the off-days at Atlantic City with his family and then join his players at Pittsburgh. Heine Groh will have charge of the club and he has been instructed to use the regular lineup in the exhibition games. Moran has ordered this for two reasons; first, to give the up-staters full value for their cash and, secondly, to keep the men in fighting trim.

But to get back to record and the breaking thereof, Fred Luderus is out there cracking a mark every day. The big, quiet first-baseman yesterday played in his 500th consecutive game, thus setting a mark that is not likely to be equalled in all baseball's future. Frederick has not missed a game for almost four full campaigns. He is the real iron man of the game.

IT WAS quite a feat when Eddy surprised Eddie Collins's consecutive record of 377 games, and yet now he's out there day in and day out without attracting much attention. Unless something unforeseen happens in the way of an injury or sickness Fred will keep on adding game upon game to his record until the close of the season.

Reuther Pulled at Right Time

WALTER REUTHER was credited with the victory over the Phils yesterday, but had it not been for the fact that Moran pulled him at the correct moment he might have been charged with a defeat. Walter permitted six hits in the first half dozen frames. That isn't what might be called airtight flinging, but he was never in any grave danger until the seventh.

It was in the stretch round that Reuther showed signs of weakening. In fact, the signs were quite noticeable. He walked four of Garry Cravath's ball players and allowed another to hit safely before he was ranked. Those passed and the single put two Phils over the plate, and Moran was convinced that Reuther needed help. Ring was called upon to save the situation, what-over it was. He went in with three on and two out and forced Gene Paulette, a dangerous batter in a pinch, to lift a weak foul, which Heine Groh smothered.

In the six and two-thirds innings in which he officiated, Reuther walked seven, and in this department the Cincinnati portside had it on George Smith, who passed six. Smith's big inning was the early part of the seventh, when he grew as wild as the proverbial hawk, and the Reds gained five runs with the aid of only one safety. A walk figured in every one of the Red tallies, not only in the seventh, but also in the third, when Sherry Magee and Ivy Wingo scored on Rath's double after they had reached first through Smith's generosity.

ERRORS also aided the Reds in their running in the seventh. Traggner and Pearce were guilty of misplays. Paulette was brought in from right and placed at second in the ninth. The former Card seems to steady the infield more than Pearce.

White Sox Choice for Series With Reds

THE White Sox now seems to be the choice of the American League for the championship series with the Cincinnati Reds.

The Gleason tribe of white-stockinged ones are now out in front with a lead of six games over the Tigers. And they are going strong, having a run of ten straight victories before being set back yesterday by the Yankees.

WONDER WHAT VENUS DE MILO THINKS ABOUT

Comic strip featuring a woman in a classical dress with four panels of dialogue. Panel 1: 'TALK ABOUT BEING USELESS! HERE I HAVE BEEN STANDING AROUND FOR A HUNDRED YEARS WITHOUT ARMS.' Panel 2: 'BELIEVE ME! IF I HAD MY ARMS BACK I KNOW WHAT I'D DO THE VERY FIRST THING! I'D HIKE UP THIS GOWN OF MINE!' Panel 3: 'I DIDN'T USED TO MIND IT SO MUCH—A THOUSAND YEARS AGO BUT NOW THE STYLES HAVE CHANGED A LITTLE—NOT MUCH.' Panel 4: '—STILL I'D FEEL A LITTLE MORE COMFORTABLE—SPECIALLY IN A COLD WEATHER! SAY, JUST THINK OF THE SWEATERS I COULD KNIT IF I HAD ARMS AND HANDS.' Panel 5: 'I NEVER FELT BETTER IN MY LIFE—I HAVE KEPT MY HEALTH AND I SPOSE I OUGHT TO BE THANKFUL—' Panel 6: 'ONE THING—I NEVER HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT MY HAIR—I'D BE IN A SWELL FIX IF IT EVER CAME DOWN—IMAGINE!!!' Panel 7: 'WELL YOU MAY GUESS ALL YOU LIKE ABOUT THE POSITION MY ARMS WERE IN—I'LL NEVER TELL—THAT'S GOING TO BE MY LITTLE SECRET.' Panel 8: 'JUST SO YOU ALWAYS ADMIRE ME—WHAT'S A COUPLE OF ARMS.'

TIGERS-WHITE SOX REPEAT 1908 FIGHT IN PENNANT CHASE

Detroit Won That Argument, but Must Overcome Handicap to Finish First This Season—Braves Last National Leaguers to Win in World Series

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The Last Note

I saw J. Willard lose his hide; I've seen the tennis under way; I saw Outmet and Evans slide Into the mists of yesterday; The Reds have overthrown the Giants, But ere gale of winter knocks, Tell me, for all my weeping clients, Will Jennings's Tigers grab the Sox?

Yes, summer's fading down the pike, The final rose will soon be curled; The sun will soon be on a strike; As all the rest are in the world; Or winter wind returns and mocks— Is there an expert here who knows Who'll win—the Tigers or the Sox?

Chicago vs. Detroit

BACK in 1908 Chicago and Detroit fought out a bitter duel to decide which club should get 40 per cent of the world series receipts, this being the losers' end against the Cubs.

This is a steady triumphal march. It has put the National League upon the defensive, and if the American League wins again it will be hard to persuade the unbiased fan, of which there are practically none, that the A. L. hasn't the better talent. A club that can smash an historical precedent of forty-five years' standing, however, will go into the coming series with a rush and may be as hard to stop as the Braves were five years ago.

THE Tiger attack is as lusty as it ever has been and for the first time in ten years the Tigers have a defense that isn't molded after the manner of a sieve.

The Red Chance

IN THE meanwhile the Reds have a job to consider, no matter which American League club wins.

No National League club since the Braves have been able to check the world series rush of the American League. The younger circuit has now won the last four championships and it has also won eight out of the last nine—its winning years being 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1915, 1916, 1917 and 1918. This is a steady triumphal march. It has put the National League upon the defensive, and if the American League wins again it will be hard to persuade the unbiased fan, of which there are practically none, that the A. L. hasn't the better talent. A club that can smash an historical precedent of forty-five years' standing, however, will go into the coming series with a rush and may be as hard to stop as the Braves were five years ago.

THE Reds have had their heads up for some time. They proved their gameness by manhandling the Giants in six of the nine decisive games the two teams played at what is often known as the "crucial moment." When it came time to crack, they were the crackers—not the cracked.

IN THE list of spectacular overthrows that develop from time to time within this sportive whirl, have you observed how rarely the name of T. R. Cobb is mentioned in this connection? He began to make threatening gestures in 1907 and Tris Speaker finally tossed him aside in 1910. After which Ty yawned and resumed where he left off.

NOW, if those golfers who insist on telling exactly and precisely about every stroke they played in a long match would only go on a strike—but such dreams rarely come true in this sordid existence which leans mostly toward the melancholy side.

IN THE recent battle between Chick Evans and Francis Outmet it was head-on conflict between tonsillitis and neuritis, and tonsillitis finished one up. This may be important when you are undecided which illness to incur.

OR, AS some one remarked while the recent golf championship was being fought out in driving rain, "It's a little life—if you don't lead it."

A Thorpian Rival

DEAR SIR: Your statement in the Spotlight that the only "everything all-star" of football was Jim Thorpe will not be concurred in by old-time football players.

For effective versatility on the gridiron, I would place Wylis Terry, Yale '85, at the apex of the pyramid. He was not only a fine and rusted but the best halfback I ever saw. He was a superb punter and place kicker, both for distance and accuracy. He was a fair drop kicker. He was absolutely sure in catching punts and thrown balls, and he never made a fumble or dropped a punt in his career. He was a deadly tackler, expert in interference, unsurpassed as a line blocker, a fast end runner, and by his speed and dodging was superb in a broken field. Add to all this, he was never injured so seriously that he had to leave the game—that he was a cool and quick thinker of indomitable courage, and you have an all-around player that, in my opinion, was never equaled in the gridiron. "TOUCHDOWN."

IT WOULD be something of a new angle in the pugilistic game if Bob Martin, champion heavyweight of the American and Allied armies, should refuse to meet Jack Dempsey until the latter went to war and made himself a reputation.

SMITH NINE HAS ENVIABLE RECORD Store Combination Has Won 20 Games Out of 26 They Have Played PLAYED STRONGEST CLUBS

In looking over the semi-pro baseball teams herabouts it is difficult to observe any with a much better record than the Marshall E. Smith nine. This combination has been a strictly traveling club, playing on a different diamond each game and has never enjoyed the opportunity of playing before a home crowd.

They have met only the best clubs and have been successful in the majority of games. Their record stands twenty won as against six lost, and this is a fine showing considering the disadvantages they have to overcome in traveling.

The Smith nine has suffered but six defeats, the worst being at the hands of Strawbridge & Clothier, who shut them out 12-0, and Parkersburg Iron also succeeded in applying the kill-sword to the Smith nine.

Amateur Baseball Notes

Philadelphia Professionals have August 30 and Labor Day (a. m. and p. m.) open for home clubs paying a guarantee. Frank Parr, 5414 Lena street.

SAILOR-MARINE PETROSKY IN CITY SEEKING TROUBLE

Former Pacific Coast Light Heavyweight Wants to See Action Against Ring Topnotchers DISCOVERED BY O'BRIEN

MR. PETROSKY, a member of that exclusive set, Knights of the Ring, once a sailor in Uncle Sam's navy, but later member of the marines who saw active service in France, is home again seeking more action.

Sailor-Marine Petrosky, of California, who was born in Shamokin, Pa., now is making Philadelphia his home. Mr. Petrosky was transported to the coast when very young and fought more than one hundred battles before going to France.

SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS

Low Tandler and Irish spiky Clins have been matched. These classy lightweights will meet for the third time when they clash at Shibe Park on September 10.

Phil Gleason, promoter of this show, has arranged the following bouts: Joe Fox vs. Dick Leadman, Joe Burman vs. Joe Lynch and Ralph Brady vs. Eddie Weiser.

NATIONAL LEAGUE PARK DOUBLE HEADER PHILLIES vs. CINCINNATI FIRST GAME AT 1:30 P. M. Seats at Gimbel's and Spalding's

S. & C. TEAM TO PLAY MACY'S N. Y. CLUB

Intercity Game Scheduled at Strawbridge Grounds on Labor Day QUAKERS WIN 12 GAMES

Games will be played by the Strawbridge & Clothier nine next Saturday and Labor Day. On August 30 the Eighth and Markets streets organization meets the Harlan Bethlehem Steel team from Wilmington, while next Monday S. & C. opposes the "Red" Stars from New York.

McNichol's Timely Smash in Ninth Downs Cuban Stars Germantown renewed its acquaintance with the winning side of the record column yesterday, a smash by Frank McNichol consummating a rally that had broken forth with two down in the ninth inning. The Cuban Stars were the victims and the score stood 6 to 5.

OH, LOOK! WORLD SERIES!

Garry Herrmann Calls Meeting of National Commission to Form Plans Cincinnati, O., Aug. 28.—August Herrmann, chairman of the National Commission, will leave for Chicago Sunday night, where he will call a meeting of the commission and talk over world series plans.



SAILOR PETROSKY

Meehan. He claims an even break with Meehan in two starts. Philadelphia Jack O'Brien was so much impressed with the big coast boy that he has taken him under his care. Petrosky bars no one and is ready for all invitations to fight.

GERMANTOWN WINS

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Large advertisement for Chas. Adams Co. Blue Serge Suits. Text: '100% Pure All Wool Blue Serge SUITS Made to Measure Until Saturday 9 P. M. Only GENUINE \$32.50-\$35 \$37.50-\$40 VALUES \$25. Absolute Fit Guaranteed These fine suitings are absolutely the finest value we ever offered—in consideration of a spot cash purchase we were indeed fortunate to buy the entire stock of a local woolen merchant—they are all 100% pure virgin wool, and this fall you'll be lucky to buy relative quality for twice as much. Chas. Adams Co. 1617 Chestnut St.'