# PHILLIES BEAT NATIONALS, 3 TO 2

## RALLY IN NINTH GIVES DONOVAN'S MEN FIRST TILT

### Erickson Weakens in Final Frame. Shanks Hammers Ball.

GAINESVILLE, Fla., March 16.—If it had only rained in the ninth inning today Clark Griffith's rookies would have grabbed off the long end of the decision from the Philadelphia Nationals in the first game of the season.

They were leading by a score of 2 to 1 when the last half of the ninth rolled around. Griff, sitting in the grandstand, was congratulating himself on having gotten off to the right kind of start, when Bill Donovan's boys overturned the bean platter and staged a rally which gave them a 3-to-2 victory in an exciting and hair-raising game.

The outfielderless Phillies were as much surprised by the victory as were the Griffmen.

**Finish Is Thriller.**

The finish was a real old time thriller. With the Nats one run to the good things looked dull when the National Leaguers came up for their final turn with the willow. Johnny Ensmann, a former Cleveland pitcher, opened with a neat blow to right field and Catcher Withrow advanced him a base by soaking one of Swede Erickson's offerings over second base. Then came George Smith, the former Columbia University and New York Giant right hander. George managed to sacrifice his pals along a notch. Then Frank Bruggy, the Phils' comedian, who is also one of the leading professional basket-ball players of the East, took his stand at the plate in place of Lefty Weinert, who has been doing a bit of left fielding.

Bruggy and Nick Altrock had been waging a verbal battle throughout the seance and Nick had been getting the better of it. So Bruggy decided to even matters and he did it with a healthy crash to right field which scored Ensmann and Withrow with the tieing and winning runs.

For the first game of the season, the bout really was worth seeing, largely because of the excitement and the perfect conditions under which it was staged. To be sure the diamond at Fleming Field, the home lot of the University of Florida, is not the best in the world, but it was in very good shape this afternoon. The weather was hot and the sun poured its tropical rays down on the domes of some 1,000 fans.

**Griff Uses Three Hurlers.**

Griffith, who brought out his Yanigans, used three hurlers during the game. He started Jezebel Tecumseh Zachary. Jezebel southpawed his way through five innings with considerable success. He was using all he had and most of the time he had Wild Will's athletes doing a jazz from the home plate to the bench. Jez went along at a great clip until Tony Marhaffka, the 35-year-old rookey from Shamokin, Pa., spilled the Limas. This occurred in the third inning, catcher Peters landing safely on first after Tony had committed a mechanical blunder. Peters stole second as Stanley Baumgartner fanned and a moment later he reeled home on Parkinson's long two-base smite to right center, Lebourveau havingg flied out in the meantime.

Zachary yielded three hits during his five-round regime, all in separate frames, and he fanned four of the enemy batsmen. His best individual performance of the afternoon came in the fourth inning, when two errors and a hit batsman filled the bags for the Phillies with two down. Baumgartner was up. This left-handed hurler is a good hitter, but Jez put something on the ball that Lefty couldn't see, and he was turned back on strikes, ending a dangerous rally.

**Acosta Shows Class.**

Jose Acosta worked the sixth and seventh innings, and would have gone the rest of the route, but on his second delivery he hurt his ankle, and while he didn't retire immediately, Griff thought it best to let Erickson finish the fray. The Cuban had fine control, and in the sixth inning retired the Phillies in order on four pitched balls.

Howard Shanks, the man who has played every position on the Washington Club except pitcher, led the boys this afternoon with the hickory. He faced two Phillie pitchers, Baumgartner and Smith, and smashed four safe hits in the same number of times up. Howard also scored both of Washington's runs.

His first was made in the fourth inning, when he beat out one to third after Bobbie Lamotte had fanned. Brower came up next, but sent a long drifter to right field that was easy for Ensmann. Shanks decided to steal and when nobody covered second he cavorted to third, as Peters peg dug up the cinders in center field. Deby Foss came through with an immaculate smash to left and Howard hit the sale sign on the cash register.

Washington's other run came in the eighth inning. Shanks began this with a lofty two-bagger to left that went over Weinert's head. He moved to third on Brower's infield out and scored on Foss' sacrifice fly to center. McHugh got an infield hit as a starter in the ninth, but he was not assisted by his teammates and the count was left 2 to 1, with Washington leading until the Phils pulled over their flashy finish that made the local debutants' cap manufacturers flap with enthusiasm. The same clubs play here tomorrow and Friday. On Saturday they meet at Tampa.

| Phillies. | Ab | H | O | A | Wash. | Ab | H | O | A |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Leff'vean,lf | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 | Marh'ka,2b. | 5 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| Weinert,lf. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | LaMotte,ss. | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Park'son,cf | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | Shanks,rf... | 4 | 4 | 1 | 0 |
| McHugh,2b | 4 | 0 | 2 | 4 | Foss,3b.... | 3 | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| Lebourveau,2b | 3 | 1 | 1 | 3 | Goebel,cf... | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| M.Miller,ss | 4 | 0 | 3 | 3 | Brower,1b.. | 4 | 0 | 11 | 0 |
| J.Miller,1b | 4 | 1 | 10 | 0 | McHugh,lf. | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Ens'mann,rf | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | Picinich,c.. | 3 | 1 | 6 | 1 |
| Peters,c.... | 3 | 0 | 4 | 0 | Zachary,p.. | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Withrow,cf. | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 | Acosta,p... | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Smith,p.... | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | Erickson,p. | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Smith,p.... | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | | | | | |
| Bruggy*... | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | | | | | |
| Totals.. | 35 | 8 | 27 | 16 | Totals.. | 34 | 10 | 25 | 10 |

*Batted for Weinert in ninth.

(One out when winning run scored.)

Washington.....0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 2—3
Philadelphia.....0 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 0—2

Sacrifices—Peters, Marhaffka (2), Erickson, Foss, Shanks (2), Ensmann, Withrow. Two-base hits—Parkinson, J. Miller, Shanks. Three-base hit—LaMotte. Hits—Off Baumgartner, 4 in 5 innings; Smith, 6 in 4 innings; Zachary, 4 in 5 innings; Acosta, 1 in 2 innings; Erickson, 2 in 3 innings. Struck out—By Baumgartner, 4; Zachary, 4; Acosta, 2. Winning pitcher—Smith. Losing pitcher—Erickson. Base on balls—Off Smith, 1; Erickson, 1. Time, 1:55. Umpires—Dunican, Owens.

## Garry Herrmann Visits Harding

Photo by Underwood and Underwood.

Among the distinguished visitors at the White House yesterday was August (Garry) Herrmann, the famous National League baseball magnate, who called, in company with Mayor Galvan of Cincinnati, and Representative Nicholas Longworth, to invite President Harding to be the honor guest at a banquet of the Ohio Bar Association next September. Herrmann is seen on the left with "them papers" in his hand. Galvan is in the center and Longworth on the extreme right.

## The SPORTLIGHT by Grantland Rice

Advancing civilization continues to grow more and more complex. You either step into a tunnel down below, a fast one on level ground or an air pocket if you leave the earth. Civilization merely means that many more bunkers to the course of existence. Take the case of Judge Landis. He has the baseball muddle to clear up. And three thousand years ago all Hercules had to clean out was the Augean stables.

**Trailing Gelett Burgess**

I've never lamped a five-base hit,
And yet I'd like to lamp one.
These modern rules won't stand for it,
And bli'me, how they cramp one!

I've never holed a brassie rap,
My best is often puhker,
But what a pipe it is to slap
A drive into a bunker!

**How Long Before They Learn?**

Organized baseball showed a passionate reluctance, amounting to a keen abhorrence, toward taking up the White Sox scandal. Organized baseball finally moved when it was pushed over the cliff.

The development of that affair offered O. B. a fine opportunity to learn something connected with sudden action and quick publicity. What did O. B. learn? Not a lapeared thing.

Then followed the Benton-Herzog muddle—then the Zimmerman flare-up. Again, was there any sudden leap to clear up the scandal brought on? Agian, there was not. Always the old cry—"These things hurt the game." Apparently it has never occurred to organized baseball in its fifty years of existence that the public has anything to do with the game or any rights to be respected.

It has never occurred to any one to let the public know precisely what is going on, without waiting a year or two.

"These things hurt the game"—They do. Especially "these things" that consist of balking or attempting to cover up every scandal that develops.

This is where Judge Landis will have his greatest chance. There is nothing in connection with any scandal that a baseball magnate knows which the baseball public is not entitled to know as well.

**The Livelier Ball.**

It is with no intention of yawping at the modern batting eye that we call attention to a few vital statistics with the modern baseball used.

Just how much livelier the present baseball is than the ball used eight years ago we can't say. But you can do a bit of surmising on your own hook after perusing these figures:

In 1913 the hard-hitting Athletics with Collins, Baker, McInnis, Strunk, Schang, Oldring and others at work accumulated 1,413 base hits for a grand average of .285.

Last year St. Louis gathered 1,615 hits for a grand average of .308. Also it might be noted that St. Louis, Cleveland, Chicago and Washington all had a higher club average last season than the slashing Mackmen had eight years ago.

**In Addition.**

This testimony isn't all of it. In 1913 the eight American League clubs managed to disperse a total of 158 home runs, using practically the same bats and the same ball parks in use today.

But last year the eight American League clubs ran up a total of 370 home runs, or well mose than double the 1913 output.

It isn't unlikely, of course, that even with the same ball some increase might have been noted, although that old Mackian machine was a whale with the mace.

But to find four ball clubs of today outbatting that machine by many points, and to find the home run deposit lifted from 158 to 370, is proof enough that the ball's inlay has been injected with about 50 per cent more pep.

Not that any secret has been made of the case, or that any scandal is involved. If the ecstatic fanatic esteems the Big Bloole above everything else, why not give it to him?

But when it comes to comparing late batting records with those made a few years ago, the comparison doesn't stand.

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## RUTH AND HORNSBY CLASH, HONORS GOING TO YANK STAR

LAKE CHARLES, La., March 16.—The encounter between Babe Ruth and Rogers Hornsby, champion batsman of the National League, here today was not the thriller that the advance notices predicted, but a crowd of 3,000 fans went away satisfied with one of Babe's home runs, which was merely an incident in a game of "town ball" between the Yankees and the St. Louis Cardinals. Seven pitchers paraded before the spectators, and all of them, except Bill Piercey and Jack Clifford, were hit hard, the score being 14 to 9 in favor of the Yankees.

After striking out in the first inning and walking in the third, Ruth nailed a fast one pitched by Bill Partica in the fourth. He not only hit it over the fence in right center, but cleared the street beyond. The ball struck on the roof of a shed on the opposite side of the street, after missing a knot of colored fans perched on the porch of a house adjoining the shed. The crowd whooped with glee as Babe trotted around the bases and ended with his famous bow and grin at the home plate.

The day would have been a total failure for everybody if Ruth had not "busted" at least one homer. Babe had the satisfaction anyhow of outshining Hornsby, who did not get his hit until the eighth inning, when he beat out a grounder to deep short. Hornsby walked in the first inning, but lined into a double play in the third, flied to Bodie in the fifth, and hit a sacrifice fly to Roth in the seventh.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., March 16.—San Antonio citizens, fans, officers and enlisted men of the United States Army from Fort Sam Houston, Camp Travis and Kelly Field, turned out to see the ball game at League Park this afternoon between the New York Giants and local Bears for sweet charity's sake. The Giants won, 6 to 3.

After the game Manager McGraw announced his selections for his first and second teams. The first team follows:

Regulars—John J. McGraw, manager; Hugh Jennings, assistant manager; C. Dolan, utility coach and all-around entertainer.

line-up — Left field, G. Burns; shortstop, Bancroft; second base, F. Frisch; right field, R. Young; first base, G. Kelly; center field, E. Brown or C. Walker; third base, J. Rapp; Snyder, Smith and Gaston, catchers; pitchers, F. Toney, J. Barnes, P. Douglas, W. Ryan, A. Nehf, P. Shea, H. Sallee, R. Grody; utility infielder, H. O. Burkett.

Babe Benton is the only regular pitcher to be placed on the second team.

## SEVEN INDICTED "BLACK SOX" GET THEIR RELEASE

### Comiskey's Action Ends Report That They Will Return to Team.

By I. E. SANBORN.

CHICAGO, March 16.—Whatever chance any of the indicted "black sox" thought they had to play baseball with the White Sox again was eliminated by President Charles A. Comiskey today, when he sent formal notices of unconditional release to Charles Risberg, Fred McMullin, Joe Jackson, Oscar Felsch, George Weaver, C. P. Williams and E. V. Cicotte.

The eighth South Side player under indictment in connection with the world series of 1919 is Chic Gandil, who was placed on the ineligible list last spring when he refused to report and tackled "outlaw" baseball instead.

By the formal document, copies of which were sent today by registered mail to the seven players released, the master of the White Sox set at rest all reports that there was a chance that any of them would prance around the South Side lot next summer if not convicted in court under the indictments voted against them by the October grand jury. This action also absolved all South Side rooters from the necessity of signing, for sentimental reasons, any petitions for the reinstatement of the indicted players, as many fans are reported to have done.

It means President Comiskey is convinced the best interests of baseball will be served by eliminating the suspected players from his team, but in doing so he makes them free agents to be signed by any other team in the major or minor leagues willing to take them on under contract.

The contracts of five of the released players expired last October. Joe Jackson's contract was for three years, 1920, 1921, and 1922, while Weaver's contract was for 1919, 1920 and 1921. In both cases the club owner is protected by the ten days notice of release and both long term contracts were demanded by the players.

This action by Comiskey does not, however, remove the disability imposed on the indicted players by Commissioner Landis which will have to be raised before they are eligible to play in organized baseball. But it does remove all doubt as to the effect the impending court cases will have on the chances of the players donning White Sox uniforms again. Whether or not a jury sends them to jail under the charges lodged against them is of secondary importance to South Side rooters.

## *COLLECTOR QUINT TRIMS S. O. C. CLUB*

The Deputy Collectors took two out of three games from the S. O. C. club in the Internal Revenue League yesterday. Fridley, of the Collectors, rang up 142 in his third game. The scores:

| Deputy Collectors. | | | | S. O. C. Club. | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Levy ... | 94 | 98 | 109 | Overbee.. | 87 | 85 | 109 |
| Smoot... | 90 | 105 | 84 | Cross.... | 92 | 87 | 101 |
| Mack.... | 11 | 106 | 86 | Davis.... | 111 | 83 | 95 |
| Clark... | 90 | 96 | 106 | Smith.... | 100 | 108 | 110 |
| Fridley.. | 101 | 102 | 142 | Skilton... | 102 | 92 | 96 |
| Totals. | 486 | 507 | 527 | Totals. | 492 | 455 | 511 |

## *District Umpires Fix Rate of Pay*

The newly-formed District Umpire Association has announced its rates for the coming season. Here is the way they line up:

Leagues—Four games a week, $20; five games a week, $25.

Independent teams—Sundays and holidays, $10 a game.

Colleges and high schools—Ten dollars per game, single official; $15 per game, two men.

Fourteen men have already signed up in the association and will give the sandlotters the best kind of officiating possible.

## *Hilltoppers Stage Nine-Inning Game*

Hilltop baseball men went through their first nine-inning practice game of the season yesterday but without winning any words of praise from Coach John O'Reilly. The hitting was weak and the team shows need of much polishing. Houston and Doughtery did most of the pitching, with Reynolds and Bissonette getting in an inning or two of action.

## Sandlot Notes.

The International Society of Machinists has elected the following officers for the coming year: H. J. Miller, manager; E. Milstead, treasurer; N. L. Connor, secretary. The Machinists nine will hold its first practice on Saturday afternoon at the Monument grounds.

The Potomac Juniors wish to arrange games with any 14-year-old nines. For games address Manager Vernon Clarke at 2032 G street northwest or call West 359.

The Owings A. C. nine, for the last two years champions of Southern Maryland, is making up its schedule for the coming season. For games, address Manager C. C. Buckler, Owings, Md., or phone Prince Frederick 6-F, 42.

A meeting of the Shamrock baseball club will be held next Wednesday night at 7:45 at 1316 L street southeast. All members are requested to attend.

Members of the Linworth A. C. are requested to be present at a baseball meeting at 1300 C street southwest tonight at 8 o'clock.

The Mohican A. C. inaugurated its baseball season with a 9-to-8 victory over the Tiger Midgets yesterday afternoon.

The Eastern Athletic Club ball tossers captured a 5-to-3 game from the Maco Athletic Club yesterday in the first contest of a two-game series.

The Monterey Athletic Club nine took the measure of the Oriole Athletic Club, 18 to 5, in a one-sided contest yesterday afternoon.

**Kid Fives to Meet.**

The Warwick Junior five will clash with the Trinity A. C. at 7 o'clock tonight in the Ingram gym. The local 95-pound title is at stake.


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