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WITH TEAM BACK EAST AGAIN GRIFFITH HOPES FOR VICTORIES

Nationals' Manager Figures on Making Much Better Showing Henceforth Than Against the Western Clubs.

BY J. ED GRILLO.
Special Dispatch to The Star.
PHILADELPHIA, June 20.—Though the Nationals have experienced a most disastrous trip since they left home three weeks ago, the team right now is but two games behind the leaders, and stands a good chance of passing them before the end of the week.

Manager Griffith believes his team has slumped for the last time this season. "We have had our bad spell in this campaign, and I look for a reversal of things now," said Griffith today. "The team is going better now than it has at any time this spring, and I am confident that we will be leading the race again when we return to our own grounds. There is no slump left in us, in my opinion, and we are due for a long siege of success."

A postponed game is scheduled here and it probably will be played tomorrow. One contest is on the card for today, and Bert Gallia is Griffith's selection to do the pitching. Mack has made no announcement of his twirler, but the chances are he will send Joe Bush to the slab. Bush, when he is right, will give most any team a real battle.

The team played good ball in St. Louis, and the players believe they are going to win games consistently from now on. Every body in the crowd was very much impressed with the work of the Nationals, and many predicted that they would either win the pennant or make the fight for it in the runner-up position. At any rate, it was generally conceded that the club was the most impressive in its play and should not be far behind when taps on the season sound in October.

Mack has a regular flock of pitchers and players for other positions coming in, now that the colleges have closed. The long leader of the Athletics has so many men ready to pitch, he said he does not know himself who they all are. Four or five college men worked out at Shibe Park yesterday afternoon, and this morning two or three more reported. Williams, University of North Carolina pitcher, is among those already on hand. Besides him, Mack

will have at the park today under his direction for the first time Krepps and Whittaker, Tufts College pitchers, and Johnson of Utriana College, another pitcher. Half a dozen others are waiting the opportunity to catch the eye of the astute Mack.

Manager Griffith is not worried about a report from Chicago that Ban Johnson intends to place a big bet on him for not pitching Walter Johnson last week against the White Sox when he announced he would do so. Griffith said this morning that he had received no word from Ban Johnson relative to the affair, and did not think he would. When Griffith made the announcement that he would pitch Johnson he fully intended to do so, but Walter was convinced to stay up practically all the night previous to the day of the game because of illness of his father-in-law, and consequently was in no shape to pitch. Ban Johnson could hardly blame Griffith for a failure to force Johnson to go on the mound when he was physically unfit, and to think of fining him for so doing would be more or less ridiculous.

Rain prevented the exhibition game at Pittsburgh yesterday. The Nationals went to that city, arriving there in the morning, but after waiting around until 1 o'clock caught a train for this town, and got here about 9 o'clock last night. The majority of the players were tired and worn out with the long ride.

Notwithstanding the poor showing of the Nationals at Detroit and Chicago, the result of the games against the four western clubs was not so disastrous after all. The team nearly broke even, and had it not for the break in two of the four games lost in Chicago would have finished with more victories than defeats. The three wins at St. Louis helped to hold the team up, and if it can make the showing here that one would naturally expect, to judge from the recent poor work of Mack's men, it may return to Washington in first place, the position in which it left. The defeat at St. Louis, however, in view of the games dropped during the early part of the trip. As a matter of fact, the Nationals have held up as well as the other clubs in local defeats encountered at Boston, Detroit and Chicago has occasioned no little comment.

LAST SCHEDULED GAME TODAY IN THE HIGH SCHOOL SERIES

Eastern and Western Meet in Contest Which May Give Title to Former—Bureau Defeats Steel Plant Club.

BY H. C. BYRD.
The game which may give Eastern the high school baseball championship was scheduled to be played this afternoon on the White Lot, Western opposing the Capitol Hill nine in the last scheduled contest in the series. The meeting of the teams had been postponed several times on account of wet weather.

Eastern has a half game lead on Central in the standing of the teams, and if it were to lose to Western the regular schedule of the series would result in a tie between Central and it. If Eastern is the victor it will finish in front of the other teams, and the high school title will be held on Capitol Hill for the coming year.

Eastern undoubtedly will send Tomlin, its pitching star, to the mound, and Kelly, who has done very well in the Light Blue and White in all its contests, his work in nearly every game having been brilliant. Western has a choice of two pitchers to put against Eastern, Peise and Peck. Either should do well.

The game was slated to start at 2:30 o'clock, but here about 9 o'clock last night. The majority of the players were tired and worn out with the long ride.

Four bingles, not a poor day's work for a hurler by any means.

The Adjutant General's Office and the Staff Bureau in the War Department Interbureau circuit had little trouble scoring runs in their game, the former making nineteen and the latter forty-seven. The winners totaled sixteen hits and the losers eleven. There was not a great deal to the contest other than that both teams hit the ball almost as they pleased and scored runs and a lot of them—in almost every inning. The play was called at the end of the seventh. Harmel and Gaskins led the losers and Montgomery and Clark the winners in the batting, each of the four players connecting safely three times.

St. Margaret's won from St. Aloysius in the Catholic Church League by 8 to 5. The game was one of the most remarkable played in the amateur circuits this year. When the ninth inning opened St. Margaret's had the lead by a score of 2 to 0 and looked as if a shut-out was to be the order of things. However, both teams went in with a determination to score, and when the inning had ended St. Aloysius had scored five times and St. Margaret's six. Rasmussen pitched for St. Margaret's and allowed six hits and fanned eleven. Winter of St. Margaret's led both clubs in batting, making three safe drives out of four attempts.

Agriculture won the game in the Government League by 7 to 6, scoring the most of its runs late in the game. Commerce got a lead in the first two periods, making ten runs in the first opening and one in the second. Agriculture won by making four scores in the seventh and two in the eighth, some timely hitting and one or two misplays counting in the run-getting. The Agriculture nine hit the ball harder and more timely than the losing club.

The first game this week in the Potomac League in the final part of the first half of the season goes to Bureau, that club having taken the measure of Steel Plant by 5 to 4. The victory puts Bureau in the lead by the margin of a full game. Bureau outfit and generally speaking, has done very well in the local circuits last year and the year before. Downey was on the mound for Bureau and he showed that he still possesses the cunning which gave him the edge on the other clubs in local amateur circuits last year and the year before. Downey allowed only six hits and fanned eight. Kelly, who opposed Downey, was hit safely ten times and fanned five. Gordon and Dodge of Bureau were the star players in the batting, each making two hits. Mike Moran, shortstop of the Steel Plant team, played brilliantly in the field.

The Printers won another game in the Rosedale League, taking the count of the Gibraltar nine by 3 to 2. Offutt and Bennett did the hurling for the Typewriter outfit, Offutt doing the work in the first and second innings. Bennett was the star, though, relieving Offutt in the fourth, when danger threatened. He pitched creditable work, and two-third innings. Nevitt, who pitched for Gibraltrars, was hit safely five times and ten of the Printers swung wildly at his strikes. McCarthy hit well for the Printers, getting three bingles out of as many trips to the plate. One of McCarthy's drives went for two bases. Goebel of the Printers and Dickman of the Gibraltrars caught well.

The Secretary nine was beaten in the Home Club League by the Seaboard team by 3 to 2. Secretary got a run each in the first and second innings and Patent scored one in the third. That was the last one of the club men on the plate until the seventh, when four of the Patent club crossed it. Whalley of the Seaboard pitched splendid ball, only two hits being made off his delivery and eleven men going down on strikes. Beuhler of Secretary held Patent to

UPSET IN JUNIOR TENNIS

Harold Selden Defeats Deane Howard in Play for District Singles Title.

The tennis tournament for the Junior championship of the District of Columbia was opened yesterday on the courts of the Princeton Tennis Club with play in singles. A great upset was presented in the preliminary round when Deane C. Howard, last year's winner, was beaten in a hard-fought, three-set match by Harold Selden, the raqueteer who has been the mainstay of the Central High School tennis team the past season.

These two players undoubtedly were the class of the tourney and an interesting match was produced in their meeting. Selden won the first set easily, annexing the first five games before the Chevy Chase player could break through and win. Howard won the second set at 1-5, and led in the third set at 5-3 and love-30 on Selden's service in the ninth game, but here the Central player rallied and ran out the last four games and the match. Both players started slowly, long rallies from the backline featuring the first set. Howard's fine backhand stroke was not working as well as it usually does while his opponent chopped away very difficult to handle with a drive. Howard also served a good many double faults.

In the first round Selden defeated Howard, 6-3, 4-6, 6-1. In the second round Selden defeated Howard, 6-3, 4-6, 6-1. In the third round Selden defeated Howard, 6-3, 4-6, 6-1. In the fourth round Selden defeated Howard, 6-3, 4-6, 6-1. In the fifth round Selden defeated Howard, 6-3, 4-6, 6-1. In the sixth round Selden defeated Howard, 6-3, 4-6, 6-1. In the seventh round Selden defeated Howard, 6-3, 4-6, 6-1. In the eighth round Selden defeated Howard, 6-3, 4-6, 6-1. In the ninth round Selden defeated Howard, 6-3, 4-6, 6-1. In the tenth round Selden defeated Howard, 6-3, 4-6, 6-1.

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GRIFFMEN MAY BE FINED

Club's Failure to Use Johnson in Chicago After Advertising Him Causes Trouble.

CHICAGO, June 20.—Aroused over the Washington club's failure to live up to the announcement that Pitcher Walter Johnson would be Ed Walsh's opponent in the game here last Tuesday, President Johnson of the American League yesterday considered the infliction of a heavy fine on the club and the sending of notices to other clubs that such announcements must be lived up to.

One of the largest week-day crowds of the season attended the game, drawn partly, it is presumed, by the news that in Walsh's attempt to come back, Johnson would oppose him. Just before the game word was sent to the reporters by Manager Griffith that because of the illness of Johnson's father-in-law, representative Roberts of Kansas, he would be unable to play.

LES DARCY COMING HERE

Great Australian Middleweight to Meet Winner of Moran-Dillon Scrap.

NEW YORK, June 20.—Les Darcy, the great Australian middleweight who has made such a clean-up in Australia, sails for this country on the steamship Sonoma June 21. He is due to arrive in San Francisco about July 10, and will come direct east.

American promoters, who are represented by Dan McKittrick, have signed Darcy for three matches, the first one with the winner of the Dillon-Moran contest, which is to be decided before the Washington Park Club, in Brooklyn, June 29.

Jack Kearns represented the American syndicate at Sydney, and as soon as Darcy affixed his signature to articles of agreement, the club was cabled to him by the American Express Company.

Darcy will be kept busy immediately on his arrival in this country. Mike Gibbons and Philadelphia Jack O'Brien are the winners of the Dillon-Moran bout despite his age. In training his brother, under his own boxers whom he has had under his hands at a lightning pace. Hence a six-round bout between Darcy and O'Brien is being considered by the promoters.

CLOSES RACING SEASON

Washington Pigeon Club Finishes With Long Event.

The Washington Racing Pigeon Club closed the most successful season of its long career yesterday with a race from Nappanee, Ind., when, much to the astonishment of the proud owners, no less than thirty pigeons made good the long journey by sundown.

Nappanee, the scene of liberation, is but eighty miles east of Chicago, and here the pigeons were let go by H. L. Hays, who was in charge of the race, with west wind. The weather map indicated thunderstorms en route, and this, together with the humidity, made it foregone conclusion that there would be no pigeons home by night. However, the first surprise awaited E. D. Norris, whose champion yearling Flash was seen to drop from the clouds at 5:45 p.m., and at the rate he flew he could have covered the additional eighty miles quite readily to have made the Chicago-Washington journey within fourteen hours.

BISHOP PLAYS POORLY

Chevy Chase Golfer in Fourth Sixteen of Huntingdon Valley Tourney.

The majority of the favorites played true to form in the qualification round played yesterday for the Lynwood Hall cup at the Huntingdon Valley Country Club of Philadelphia. George V. Rotan of Waco, Tex., demonstrated his liking for medal play, leading a large and imposing field with his score of 75-78-164 for the thirty-six holes of play.

Julian T. Bishop, the Chevy Chase player, found trouble with his putting and returned scores of 91-95, which is away below his usual form, and placed him in the fourth sixteen. Rotan led the other boxers with a score of 75-78-164 for the thirty-six holes of play.

MIDDLE STATES TENNIS

Throckmorton and Imman Among Victors in Annual Championship.

MOUNTAIN STATION, N. J., June 20.—Harold A. Throckmorton, challenger last year for the middle states championship, narrowly missed elimination in the second round of the annual tournament for the title yesterday on the turf courts of the Orange Lawn Tennis Club here. Suffering greatly from overplay, Throckmorton lapsed into a wild streak in the second set, but he finally steadied and defeated F. G. French, 6-1, 7-3, 6-1.

Bad weather and defaults cut down the number of matches. The most important results follow:

First round—L. Dunham defeated George Throckmorton, 6-2, 6-2, F. C. Inman defeated J. F. Hubbard, 4-6, 6-3, L. D. Woodbury defeated E. C. Rand, 6-2, 6-4, C. F. Watson Jr. defeated F. French, 6-2, 6-3, P. C. Inman defeated H. Curtis Colby, 6-0, 6-3.

Second round—L. Wood defeated J. Throckmorton, 6-2, 6-3, F. C. Inman defeated R. M. Kirkland, 6-3, 6-0.

DAVIS WINS PENN TITLE

California Tennis Star Beats Biddle in Fine Match.

PHILADELPHIA, June 20.—In one of the finest tennis matches ever played on the Merion courts, not even excepting the famous Church-Williams international final two years ago, Willis E. Davis, playing from the Philadelphia C. C. and holder of the California State championship, yesterday defeated Craig Biddle of Merion in the final round of the singles section of the Pennsylvania State tennis championship. His margin was three sets to one, at 6-7, 6-3, 6-1, 6-3.

GIRLS IN LONG MATCH

Miss Herron Wins Three-Hour Tennis Battle in Pacific Tourney.

DELMONTE, Cal., June 20.—The spectacular feature of the Pacific states tennis championship tournament yesterday was furnished in the women's singles by Miss Laura Herron of Palo Alto and Miss Marjorie Wale of San Francisco. After a court battle lasting three hours Miss Herron captured the victory, 10-11, 11-9. Both girls were exhausted at the end of their match.

MISS HERRON WINS THREE-HOUR TENNIS BATTLE IN PACIFIC TOURNEY

NORFOLK, Va., June 20.—W. V. McMillan and Eli Whitney won the Old Dominion men's doubles tennis championship by defeating the team of Richard Tunstall and Hugh Whitehead. Carlton Smith and Miss Florence Ballin defeated Whitney and Miss Mollie Bjurstedt in the mixed doubles.

AMERICAN LEAGUE GAME

Yankees Nose Out Indians.

CLEVELAND, June 20.—New York made it three out of four on Cleveland yesterday, winning 7 to 6. The Yankees started off with five runs in the first inning, but Cleveland overcame that lead in the fifth, driving Caldwell from the box.

Catches by Howard and Gandil of line drives featured.

Baker batted a four of New York's runs, his circuit drive accounting for three in the first, while his single drove in the winning tally in the seventh.

PHILLIES DEFEAT BROOKLYN

BROOKLYN, N. Y., June 20.—Philadelphia won the first game of the series with Brooklyn yesterday, 3 to 2. Two contests had been scheduled, but the continuous downpour during nearly every inning of the first game, and the second to be postponed. A double-header is billed for tomorrow.

Alexander and Pfeffer, each allowed nine hits and in the ending was remarkably good under the conditions. Luders' home run over the right-field wall, after Whitted had singled in the seventh, won the game. The score:

NATIONAL LEAGUE GAMES

CINCINNATI, June 20.—St. Louis captured yesterday's game, 3 to 1, by open-court hitting and several fast double plays. In the third inning, with one out, Ames singled, but was forced by Betzel, who scored the first run on Berners' double. Berners scored on Long's hit. In the eighth Lou doubled and scored on Miller's single.

The locals tallied in the eighth, when Clarke, batting for Louden, doubled, Fisher ran for Clarke and scored on Herzog's single. Fisher then finished the game at second.

STEWARDS REINSTATE KNIGHT

Was Barred From Turf Following Suspicious Race in Havana.

NEW YORK, June 20.—Joseph Knight, who in March of last year was ruled off the turf by the stewards at Oriental Park in Havana, has been reinstated. Knight's suspension followed the running of the Gold Cap-Yellow Eyes race at Havana March 4, 1915. The case attracted wide attention at the time.

Since then Knight has been insistent on a rehearing, with the ultimate result of the announcement of his reinstatement by Secretary Charles F. Flynn of the Cuba-American Jockey Club. The stewards, Maj. T. C. McDowell, Charles E. Lansdale and P. A. Brady, were unanimous in approving Knight's application for reinstatement. The specific charge against Knight was that he offered to make a wager for a rider on a horse other than the one the boy rode in a race. Jockey Henry Wolfe of Jamaica, who has ruled off with Knight, also has been reinstated.

PIGEONS FLY FROM GEORGIA

The northeast district of the International Federation of Pigeon Fanciers of America flew its fifth race of the season Saturday from Gainesville, Ga., the distance being 500 miles.

The birds were liberated at 5:20 o'clock in the morning by H. A. Terrell. The wind at the start was from the southwest and at home north, west and southeast. The first arrival was that of Messrs. Scanlon and O'Dea, at 8:46 p.m., with an average speed of 1,075.83 yards per minute. The average speed per minute of the first return to each loft was as follows:

NAVY TENNIS TEAM STRONG

Wins Four Out of Five Matches. May Capture Title Again.

The Departmental Tennis League champion, bids fair to retain its title this year the way it is winning matches. Yesterday it defeated Smithsonian four matches to one, and Commissioner defeated interior by the same margin. Hancock and Watson of the Navy aggressors had a hard fight on their hands to defeat the ranking players of the Smithsonian team, N. Dorsey and Tolman, which they finally accomplished in a three-set match. The No. 1 team contest in the other team match also went three sets before McCharmley and McCharmley of Commissioners were returned winners over Lind and Andrews of Interior, 6-1, 4-6, 6-4.

HIT BY PITCHED BALL, DIES

MOBILE, Ala., June 20.—Third Base-man Johnny Dodge of the Mobile (Southern Association) team, lay last night from concussion of the brain. He was struck by a pitched ball Sunday, thrown by Pitcher Tom Rogers of the Nashville Club.

MISS WHITE WINS IN FINAL AT NETS

WILMINGTON, Del., June 20.—Miss Susanne W. White of Baltimore defeated Mrs. William Newhall, Philadelphia, yesterday in the final round of the women's Delaware state tennis tournament, 6-4, 6-1. Miss White will meet Mrs. J. Saunders Taylor of Wilmington in the challenge round today for the state title.

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