

Philadelphia Nationals Lucky if They Land in Fifth or Sixth Place This Season

Scribe Says Phillies Do Not Assay Very Much—Fletcher Has Tough Job on Hands

By THOMAS L. CUMMISKEY. By Universal Service. EESBURG, Fla., March 22.—In this colorful little town, anyone acquainted with the Phillies might conclude they were world champions, the way Leesburg's population of less than 2,000 roots for them. The inhabitants, during a game, are continuously yelling out the player's name, first name and nicknames. They give a royal account of themselves, in fact, one might think the Phillies represented Leesburg in the National league and were a real ball team.

However, we are afraid these good folks are going to be disappointed in the big league grind, for the Phillies do not assay very much. They'll do pretty well to finish above seventh place, where they found themselves after a disappointing campaign last season. Pitching and the infield is nearly as dubious a proposition as a man going over Niagara Falls, coming out alive.

But Arthur Fletcher, former star shortstop of the Giants, more lately with the Phillies, is going about his new manager job with spirit and dash. He has the players all working for him and is trying to engender ambition and hope, which have been badly shattered for a stretch of years. If Fletcher gets the Phillies up in sixth or fifth place, he would be given a vote of thanks by the Philadelphia populace and applauded by President Baker. He will have done quite a bit his first year.

Holke at First Place.
It is hard to find enthusiasm over the Phillies' infield despite the fact they've thrown in four players and cash bringing the total cost to about \$35,000 for Heinie Sand, the Salt Lake shortstop.

Sand is flashing around smartly in his new position, but has done nothing spectacular as yet. We've seen other youngsters, notably "Bob" Smith, "Jocko" Conlon and Padgett of the Braves, who act as smartly, and they cost little.

At first base Fletcher has Walter Holke, who the Braves put on the market. Fletcher thinks Holke will do nicely. He hit .291 last season and fielded well up with .992. Holke might pick up a lot in brainy playing. He is not always where he should be.

Fair Fielder.
Frank Parkinson, a hard worker, is at second. He made 34 errors last season but an awful lot of pretty fair hits as a fielder. His hitting isn't so much, being .275 in 1922. Then at third, in "Goldie" Rapp, captain, Rapp was not thought good enough by McGraw of the Giants, after he had paid well for him. Still he fields pretty well and apparently will have to hit only .275 to equal last season's Andy Work, from the Southern league, is trying for third.

Speaking of hitting and fielding. Sand batted .267 for Salt Lake, and fielded in eleventh position among shortstops .923. He made more errors than any other shortstop in the league a total of 88. The player is a hustler, tough, and flashy, and that's why he was bought. In case Sand doesn't do, Fletcher is ready to go in at short. Fletcher plans bench management, however.

Hurling Rests With Meadows.
Pitching depends will rest with Lee Meadows, lefty of the Braves. Jimmy Ring, Wilbert Hubbell and whoever else may come through. Weintner won eight and lost 11 games last season, or a percentage of .421, better than Meadows and Ring, who won 12 and lost 18, or an average of .400. "Lefty" looks fine right now, and his mates expect him to have a good year.

Won't Reinstate Von Elm.
New York.—The executive committee of the United States Golf association was reported to have declined to reinstate George Von Elm of Salt Lake City, Pacific Northwest champion, suspended from amateur competition for his connection with a sporting goods firm.

Golf Facts
Q. What is to be done when a player looks or slices his ball off the line and it lands on a wrong green and rolls into the cup? Is he entitled to lie and stroke it elsewhere under the rules that permit lifting and dropping a ball that stops on a wrong green?
A. The only recourse that a player has in such a case is to call the ball unplayable, lift it, go back and play another stroke from where the previous one was played, under a penalty of stroke and distance. In metal play, he can, of course, either do that, or if he prefers, to back up of where the ball was lifted, off the green, of course, and play with a penalty of two strokes.
Q. Is there any penalty if a player, in addressing his ball, touches the ball either when on a putting green or elsewhere?
A. The codes agree that there is no penalty for touching a ball in addressing it. But if the ball moves, it counts a stroke, whether on the putting green or elsewhere.
Q. A and B are playing a single match and A has a certain hole, after a number of strokes, A picks up and concedes it. B, however, for reasons of his own, wants to play the hole out and proceeds to do so. Another match ball of B's, seeing A start for the next tee, picks up that B stand aside and let him play through, claiming that he is a single player. Are they correct in their claim?
A. No, B is not a single player under such circumstances, according to official interpretations of all rules.
Send in your questions to Louis Brown. If an immediate answer is desired, enclose stamped self-addressed envelope.

A TIP FOR THE ROUND.
Jim Barnes says: A simple expedient that will save strokes for many players on playing short approach shots to the green is to shorten the grip on the club. Consider the main consideration in such strokes and it is much simpler to control the club. One may frequently see first-class players, both amateur and professional, resorting to this practice.
(Tomorrow) Sandy Herd on starting the downswing.

EDDIE'S FRIENDS



Probe "Syndicate Baseball" Charge

San Francisco, March 22.—An investigation "as thorough and complete as is humanly possible," will be made of the charges of "syndicate baseball" that have been hurled since the sale of the Seattle Baseball club to Wade Kilgler and Charles Lockart, former officials of the Los Angeles Baseball club. President William H. McCarthy, president of the Pacific Coast league, declared in a statement issued this afternoon.

"The charge of syndicate baseball is the most serious one that can be made," said McCarthy's statement. The charge has been made that William Wrigley, Jr., owner of the Chicago Cubs, and the Los Angeles club may have financed his former employees in their deal.

California Tracksters Should Defeat Nebraska in Dual Meet

Lincoln, March 22.—On paper, the University of California holds a big edge over the Nebraska track men and if the Huskers succeed in downing the Hooplies at their home oval at Berkeley, April 7, it will be a big upset.

Harry Miner, a former Nebraskan, now residing in California, got in communication with Coach Cromwell and Charley Paddock, famous sprinter of University of Southern California, U. S. C., met the Bears last Saturday and was beaten. Miner advised Coach Cromwell that the "low down" on the California team as gleaned from Cromwell and Paddock.

The Californians have three javelin throwers who can hurl the spear from 150 to 180 feet. Nebraska has one man who can hurl it 170 feet.

These Bear discus hurlers can throw the plate between 125 and 130 feet while the best Nebraska has done is 118 feet.

In the shotput, California has men who toss the lead 42 to 45 feet against Nebraska's best mark 41 feet.

California has one man who can pole vault 12 feet 6 inches. Nebraska vaulters are trying to better a 11-foot six inch mark.

In the two-mile run, the Bears have one man who can step it in 9 minutes 50 seconds and another who does it in 10 minutes, 15 seconds. Nebraska has a mark of 10 minutes, 10 seconds in this event.

In the mile, California can do 4:28

Retiring Head Says Boxing 'Healthy' Here

W. E. Kavan, Omaha attorney, whose appointment as Omaha boxing inspector to succeed John Kilmartin, resigned, was announced last night in a press dispatch exclusively to The Omaha Bee, had not received notice of his selection early today.

For this reason Kavan declined to comment on any action he would take upon assuming the office.

"I do not know the extent of my authority here and prefer not to make a statement until I am better informed," he told The Omaha Bee this morning.

He added, however, that he had his own opinions about the way boxing should be conducted, and, if invested with sufficient power would apply them to the local situation.

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Hawkeye Track Coach Will Hold School of Instruction for Coaches at Council Bluffs

The Iowa State track and field squad, will accompany Coach Bronsahan and will make actual demonstrations for the coaches. The Iowa instructor is coming in the interest of the western Iowa track and field meet which is to be held on the Thomas Jefferson athletic field, May 4. The board of education at Council Bluffs has already started the construction of one of the best high school cinder tracks in the west, and it is expected to be one of the largest high school meets ever held.

R. E. Myers, assistant principal of the Thomas Jefferson High school, has sent invitations to the eastern Nebraska coaches to take advantage of the free instruction, but only Iowa high school teams will be entered in the coming meet. The first of the two-day session will be held at 10 o'clock Friday morning, March 23, at the Chamber of Commerce rooms on the corner of Main and First avenue.

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Midwestern Track Meet to Attract Uni Stars to Omaha

Fourteen events are on the program. Athletes of Iowa and Nebraska universities will compete in the second annual senior midwestern association A. A. U. outdoor track and field championships to be held under auspices of the Omaha Athletic club at Ak-Sar Ben field Saturday, June 30.

Teams from leading schools, clubs, colleges, universities, Y. M. C. A.'s, American Legion posts, and other organizations also are expected to swell the entry list to large proportions.

Entry blanks will be ready in a few days. Official A. A. U. gold, sterling silver and bronze medals will be awarded winners in all events.

John Mapel to Hurl for Sioux City Club

Denver, March 22.—John Mapel, righthander, who pitched for Casper, Wyo., in the Midwest league during the 1921 season, has signed with Sioux City of the Western league and is en route to the club's Oklahoma training camp, it was announced today.

Nebraska Kennel Club to Hold Meeting

The second meeting of the newly organized Nebraska Kennel Club will be held at 8 o'clock in Room D of the Chamber of Commerce.

Breeders of dogs in Council Bluffs and Omaha, as well as persons interested in the Nebraska Kennel Club organization, are invited to attend the meeting, at which the officers for the year will be elected and plans made for the season.

Dogs Pay Way.
Monticello, Ind., March 22.—(Special) more than pay their way in White county, a report of the county treasurer shows. Last year \$1,119.56 was collected in dog taxes in the county, while but \$1,572.83 was paid out for all damage done by dogs.

McGraw Fines and Reprimands Players for Drinking 'Hooch'
New York, March 22.—Manager McGraw of the New York Giants has fined Jack Scott, star pitcher and one of the heroes in the last world series, \$100, reprimanded Catcher Earl Smith to the second team and reprimanded other players for drinking "hooch" liquor according to a dispatch to the Evening World today from its correspondent at the Giants' training camp at San Antonio, Tex.

"These fellows are paid well to keep in shape and train faithfully," McGraw is quoted as saying. "I have won pennants before on discipline alone and lack of material, but I would not attempt to win another without discipline in my club."

"I will break up these wild orgies among my players or know the reason why."

HITS AND MISSES BY THE BUFFALOES

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Today's Entries MOBILE. Eighth Race—1500 furlongs. 2 year-olds and up. Time: 1:57.5. Winner: ...

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