

Bud Lewis' 136 Wins Philo. Open Golf Title

Strictly Sports

If They Can't Even Bunt Why Worry About Phils?

Absentee Fans Getting Itchy Again,
But the Outlook Just 'Ain't'

By CY PETERMAN

NOT that it matters any more, but have any of you been looking down mine shafts lately? Then you could give us word of the Phils.

The last I heard of the Phils, they were heading West, and even their best friends wouldn't tell them to come back. At the hour of departure they had won just 21 ball games, two in one final, Herndon left upon leave-taking. This must have cost them all, for they haven't won since.

At the present crack, the Phils will finish the season with 42 wins, 113 lost—or maybe more. If this isn't a record it should be.

In the mail of late, there have been a few scathing letters, one from W. B. Franklin, Jr., who seems to think Gerry Nye should trade his club for the Lancaster Red Roses who, he says, at least try to make a winning. Franklin proposes sale of the Phils and, if there's no way to make a better owner, would declare a benefit game for them as part of the transfer bargain.

For my part, the problem of the Phils has ceased to disturb me. I was asked not long ago if I'd read what someone had written about the club and its drag on the rest of the league.

"I don't know," I said, "but I know about what was said."

The Phils, you see, are now like my fever, prickly heat, Japanese beetles and the humidity. They come around when you're unpleasant for the time being, but like the beetles, Phils, they don't stay.

Not long ago, when Tom Hughes pitched 15 magnificent innings waiting for his mates to catch one of a dozen chances to make the lone run necessary to victory, I went down to see John Loberk.

"See?" I put it to Hank. "Does this bunch come out some morning and learn the technicalities of the bunt?"

Manager Loberk shook his weary dome, his red face becoming a shade redder.

"They've been out here hours and hours, trying to learn," he said. "Good gosh, Cy, I've tried everything to teach them how. I'll admit hitting is something else again—players either can or they can't and that's that, but hitting is an acquired talent, except with the Phils."

I reminded an irate fan of this when he was arm-chairing John's stadium at Pittsburgh where a bunt seemed the logical play.

"The Phils can't bunt," I said. "Lobert spent all spring training and half the season trying to teach them, but they pop up or miss the ball. They can't bunt."

"Well," said my disgusted friend, "that just about makes it unanimous. They can't hit, they can't field, and now bunt. They can't hit. How are they on croquet?"

Since hitting the road, Manager Loberk has taken to getting himself tossed from the games. I can see a definite method to this; maybe John can't stand what he beholds. Maybe he conserves his sanity by having the umpires wear him off. In Cincinnati Sunday the Phils went 13 straight innings and at the end of the afternoon's work, they had lost 10-0.

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Segura, Seixas Net Winners

NEW YORK, N. Y., July 13 (A. P.)—John Seixas, a Pittsburgh pitcher, was named MVP for two days of play in the Eastern League Tournament today at Buckhannon.

The tournament, which began today, was the first of its kind in the Eastern League. It was a contest between the two teams, the Philadelphia Athletics and the New York Yankees.

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BUDDY BLAIR SCORES SIXTH-INNING RUN THAT SENDS A'S INTO OVERTIME AGAINST WHITE SOX. Mike Tresh is the catcher; Ernie Stewart the umpire. Mike Kreevich (extreme left) hit a homer in the fifth.

Valo's Blow in 11th Gives A's 4-3 Victory

By STAN BAUMGARTNER

There was a double knockout at Shibe Park last night and both were completely asleep.

At 11:02 the Council for Defense represented by Judge Harry R. McDevitt turned out all the lights in the park for 2 minutes, and if there was anyone in the crowd of 8738 who could see his hand in front of his face, he did it by memory.

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Willett Wins Twice In Junior Tennis

With two small but select fields entered, play in the Pennsylvania State Junior and Boys Championships progressed rapidly at the Cynwyd Tennis Club yesterday.

By virtue of two triumphs, Frank Willett, Alabama boy who was runner-up in the National Intercollegiate championship last week, paced the field into the junior semi-finals. Willett, who is seeded No. 1, lost only four games in scoring his two victories.

The Betsy Brothers, Robert and Dick, students at Lansdowne High School, split even in the day's play. Bob, the older, kept in step with Willett by winning two matches. In the first round he eliminated Fred Houghton, from Passaic, Calif., 6-1, 6-2.

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Delaware Loses Five-Cent Suit

DOVER, Del., July 13 (A. P.)—A 5-cent litigation which was carried to the highest court of the State ended today with a Supreme Court decision for William Arthur Wise, Wilmington, who disputed the method of computing "breakage" in the betting at Delaware Park.

While one five-cent piece was involved in this case, David I. Henderson, Jr., counsel for Wise, stated that the decision of the Supreme Court means that the breakage system has been wrong since the track opened and therefore thousands of dollars are involved.

Breakage is that part of a winning bet that is retained by the track to make the pay-off an even figure.

At the 1940 meet Wise was \$5 show bet and at the pay-off window was offered \$5.25, while he was offered \$5.00.

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