

# BILLY EVANS Says

Youth must be served, is an old sport, scarce of much truth, but it doesn't go, out in the great open spaces.

Veteran pitchers, former big league stars, are making a pennant contender out of Seattle in the Pacific Coast League.

"Wheeler" Dell, late of Brooklyn; Jim Bagby, who last toiled with Pittsburgh and previous to that starred for Cleveland, and Vean Gregg, long regarded as through, are keeping Seattle in the running. Perhaps it is the climate.

Ten years ago Gregg was the big noise at Cleveland, a second Rube Waddell in ability, also possessing a few of the late Rube's eccentricities.

Gregg at 40, after practically having retired from the game because of a lame arm, is doing one of baseball's greatest comebacks. He is the pitching sensation of the coast league.

Only the other day the New York Yankees were reported to have offered two players and a big sum of money for Gregg, provided immediate delivery could be given. The offer was turned down.

In 1920 Jim Bagby won 31 games for Cleveland. The Indians won the pennant that year. Bagby played a leading role.

Dell for several years has been doing minor league service, regarded, through, as a big leaguer.

Yet these three veterans, labeled passé by the majors, are making baseball history on the coast.

In baseball, the wise old head of ten triumphs over the brawn of youth. Bagby, Dell and Gregg are outstanding examples of such a truth.

Pitching experience is playing a big part in their present success. Their pitching arms lack much of the fire of big league days.

The uncertainty of baseball makes it unwise to bank too much on any one player, no matter how big a star he may be.

This is particularly true of the pitching end of the game. The twirlers fail to run true to form more often than any other player in the game.

If Morrison of Pittsburgh, conceded to be the best curve ball pitcher in the National League, was delivering in 1923 form, the Pirates would be pressing New York much harder.

Morrison has the same stuff, pitches in the same way, but is unable to win consistently. There is no logical explanation that can be offered for his showing, he simply isn't running true to form.

Luque of Cincinnati, Uhle of Cleveland and Reuther of Brooklyn are just a few other star pitchers who are not delivering up to expectations.

"When a pitcher is having a big year, he is getting his share of the breaks," is the way I once heard Walter Johnson sum it up.

"Timely hitting by his teammates, a tight defense that makes it hard for the opposition to score and a dash of pure luck are just a few of the breaks a winning pitcher must get," added Johnson.

Pitching is one of the most uncertain features of the game, incidentally the most important.

## Do you know Baseball? by Billy Evans

### QUESTIONS

1. There is a runner on first base. He attempts to steal second. The umpire back of the plate is working so close that he interferes with the catcher in making his throw to second. The ball goes to right field and the runner reaches third. What is the proper ruling on such a play?

2. Has a pitcher the right to get on the rubber without having the ball in his possession? A contention that such an act is a balk. B claims that the pitcher has a right to get on the rubber without the ball, provided he makes no motion to pitch. Who is right?

3. Is there such a thing as unintentional interference? If a fielder in making a play on a batted ball, decides he will be in a better position to handle the hit if he takes one step backward, such step causing him to collide with a base runner, thereby losing the ball, is the fielder or base runner considered at fault?

### ANSWERS

1. If the umpire back of the plate interferes with the catcher in making a throw to second, the ball becomes dead. The runner who advanced from first to third on the play must return to his original base.

2. A pitcher has no right to get on the rubber without having the ball in his possession. Such an act is a balk. A is correct.

3. There is no such thing as unintentional interference. The umpire cannot give that feature the slightest consideration. If the interference is committed he must call it, regardless of the intent.

# Dodgers Gain Half Lap On League Leaders

## TAKE TWO FROM PHILS; BUGS AND GIANTS ALSO WIN

### MUSTLING DODGERS NOW BUT GAME AND A HALF FROM FIRST PLACE; YANKS WIN AS SENATORS ARE IDLE

Maintaining their whizzing burst of speed, the Brooklyn Dodgers whaled the faltering Phillies twice again Wednesday, making a streak of nine straight victories for Brooklyn.

The Dodgers were six and one-half games behind the Giants last Friday. In less than a week they have hoisted themselves into the very thick of the brawling for the National league pennant and are only one and one-half games out of first place.

The Dodgers beat the Phillies, 7 to 6, in the first game, and old Bill Doak, the St. Louis castaway, shut out the perpetual losers, 7 to 0, in the second encounter.

Philadelphia—Brooklyn took both games of the twin bill from the Phillies here Wednesday, 7 to 6 and 7-0.

King, who did the hurrying for the Phillies in the first game, walked 11 men. High's double in the ninth inning with Taylor on produced the winning run.

In the second game, Doak allowed but two hits. Wheat starred at bat with two home runs.

Pittsburgh—The patched-up Cardinals were easy for the Pirates here Tuesday in the first game of the series, the Pirates winning, 14 to 1, running the locals' string of consecutive triumphs to six.

Maranville, with four hits in five times up, led the Pittsburgh attack.

Cincinnati—Tony Kaufman pitched one of his best games of the year Wednesday, blanking the Reds with six singles while the Cubs pounded Tom Sheehan and Jackie May for six runs. Only one Red reached third base.

Boston—Art Nehf pitched two-hit ball for the Giants in their last game here this season and the harassed champions beat the Braves, 4 to 1.

Kyle Graham, brought back from Worcester by the Braves, pitched a good game but several scratch hits helped the Giants. Kelly played the outfield and Terry went to first for the Giants.

New York—The Yankees pulled up to within a game of the Washington Senators, who were idle, by beating the Boston Red Sox, 11 to 6, in the final game of the series here this afternoon. The Yanks took four out of five from the Sox.

Walter Beall, acquired from the Rochester Internationals, made his bow as a Yank and displayed considerable pitching skill, except for wildness for seven frames. He allowed only five hits but passed seven and was removed in the eighth, though the score was 6 to 1 in the Yanks favor.

The Sox scored four runs in the eighth, but the Yanks came back with five. Each side used three pitchers.

St. Louis—The Browns and Indians divided a double-header Wednesday in closing their series.

McManus' single drove in the winning run in the ninth for the Browns' 7 to 6 victory, while the Spenerites pounded their way to a 9 to 5 victory in the closing half. Wingard helped in this victory with a home run with two on in the fifth.

Chicago—Detroit took both ends of a double-header from the White Sox here Wednesday, 6 to 2 and 6 to 4, and evened up the series at three each. Johnston and Whitehill did the slab work for the Tigers, while Robertson and Blankenship toiled for the White Sox.

Columbus—The Senators broke their losing streak by winning Wednesday's game from Louisville, 6 to 4. Foulk pitched shutout ball for six innings but was scored on four times in the last three frames. Deberry was chased after four innings and Dawson who relieved him pitched good ball.

St. Paul—Nick Allen's Saints defeated themselves for their three defeats in Milwaukee last week by handing the Brewers a neat triumph in the series opener here Wednesday afternoon, 16 to 6. The locals turned in 20 hits, while Faeth and McQuaid were touched for 16.

Toledo—Giard was stung when his counted Wednesday and Indianapolis was beaten, 6 to 4, although the visitors outthit the Hens.

### Working on New Athletic Field at Lawrence College

Appleton—Work on grading the recently purchased Lawrence college Athletic field will be commenced at once, according to announcement by Dr. Samuel Plantz, president of the college.

Building of the bowl will not be undertaken until next spring, but considerable work will be done on the 17-acre field now in order that the stadium may be finished for use in the fall of 1925.

The seating capacity for football games has been increased 1,000 by the purchase of new seats which will be installed temporarily in the old field and moved to the new one when it is completed.

### THE FIRST SETBACK

Floyd Dorsey, Kenosha, a member of the Marquette football squad last year, was removed to a hospital for appendicitis on Tuesday. He may be lost to the team for the entire season.

## Epinaud Defeated in First American Race



With the Prince of Wales looking on, Epinaud, pride of France, went down to defeat in his first race in America, when Wise Counsellor beat him in a hair-raising finish at Belmont Park, Long Island.

## For Once The Crowd Forgot The Prince



It was too busy watching Wise Counsellor defeat Epinaud in a great race at Belmont Park, Long Island. And Edward, Prince of Wales, was as much interested as anybody.

## Dario Resta, Vet Racer, Meets Death

London—Dario Resta, famous Italian automobile race driver, was killed Wednesday when his machine overturned during a race at Brooklands.

Resta was accompanied by his mechanic Perkins and had covered one and one-half laps in the race when his Sunbeam car crashed into an iron fence while going at terrific speed. The machine turned turtle and burst into flames.

Perkins was not seriously hurt. Resta was one of the most famous race drivers in the world. He was entered in several of the sweepstakes at Indianapolis and took part in practically all of the big races in the United States and in Europe.

Resta held a number of world's speed records, including the best time for three miles, five miles, 400 miles, 450 miles and 500 miles.

His distance records were all made in a Peugeot car in Chicago, June 26, 1915.

## Through the Periscope

TEAM STANDINGS		
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION		
Indianapolis	79	572
St. Paul	78	569
Louisville	74	539
Milwaukee	67	509
Toledo	69	523
Columbus	64	480
Minneapolis	64	457
Kansas City	59	434

AMERICAN LEAGUE		
Washington	76	530
New York	75	523
Detroit	71	523
St. Louis	68	516
Cleveland	63	470
Boston	59	451
Philadelphia	58	443
Chicago	57	435

NATIONAL LEAGUE		
New York	78	505
Pittsburgh	76	501
Brooklyn	73	498
Chicago	69	499
Cincinnati	69	493
St. Louis	54	412
Philadelphia	49	377
Boston	47	359

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS		
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION		
St. Paul 16, Milwaukee 5.		
Columbus 6, Louisville 4.		
Toledo 4, Indianapolis 2.		
Minneapolis 11-8, Kansas City 7-5.		

AMERICAN LEAGUE		
St. Louis 7-5, Cleveland 6-9.		
Detroit 6-6, Chicago 2-4.		
New York 11, Boston 6.		

NATIONAL LEAGUE		
New York 4, Boston 1.		
Chicago 6, Cincinnati 0.		
Brooklyn 7-7, Philadelphia 6-0.		
Pittsburgh 14, St. Louis 1.		

### Bare Feet and Tacks Brought the Kid a Win

Telling Kid McCoy stories is in order these days. Out at the Hollywood fights one night the Kid told this one. He was fighting a giant colored serppier in South Africa. McCoy had not trained much and was a bit leery. Then he learned his opponent fought in bare feet.

McCoy bought carpet tacks, his seconds scattered them on the ring floor as they started off and it did not last long. Every time a big bare foot went down on a tack the South African dropped his guard. McCoy quickly snatched him over.

The Kid was the first and about the only American fighter to box a Frenchman in Paris at the old French style of fighting, a la savate. That style meant both kicking and hitting and the French boxes were expert at kicking above the belt line. McCoy won. He knocked out the a la savate guy.

## MIRIAM BURNS IN WIN OVER CHAMP

KANSAS CITY GIRL DEFEATS EDITH CUMMINGS; SECURES REVENGE FOR DEFEAT IN WESTERN OPEN

Nyatt, R. L.—Miss Edith Cummings, Chicago, was dethroned as national woman golf champion here Wednesday in an exciting struggle of 21 holes by Miss Miriam Burns, whom Miss Cummings defeated in the final round of the western women's championship recently by 12 and 10. The Northwestern university student avenged this defeat in one of the hardest fought contests ever played in this tournament.

Little Bernice Wall, Oshkosh, Wis., in beating Mrs. H. T. Watson by one up, made one of the greatest comebacks ever recorded in this event. At the eleventh hole the western miss was four down. She managed to get back two holes before the fifteenth was reached. Then she stepped out and won the last three holes and the match.

Glenna Collett, favored to win the tournament this year, did not hate to exert herself to defeat Mrs. Jack Renwick, 8 and 6.

Mrs. Vanderbeck, former national titleholder, who eliminated Glenna Collett last year, gained a decisive victory over Mrs. Harwood.

Miss Burns will meet Mrs. Dorothy Campbell Hurd, former national champion, who is playing wonderful golf at present, in the third round Thursday. Mrs. Hurd defeated Miss Maureen Orcutt, Englewood high school star, Wednesday.

### AN ODD PROVISION

An odd provision in the contract by which the New York American league club has purchased Benny Bedford, star outfielder of the Austin Rangers of the Texas association, is the stipulation that the Yankees, with "Babe" Ruth in the lineup, shall play an exhibition game in Austin next spring.

New York—Young Stribling, light heavyweight of Macon, Ga., has been booked to go against Billy Britton, the junior light heavyweight of Columbus, Ohio, in a 12-round battle at Columbus, Ohio, Sept. 9.

### MYATT LEADS CATCHERS

Glenn Myatt of the Indians leads all American league catchers at bat with an average of .327 for eighty-five games. Johnny Bassler of the Detroit club, is second with a mark of .325 for 101 games.

### NEED FAST FIELDER

The crying need of the Boston Braves is an outfield that is fast, as the outer gardens at Braves Field require much roaming by the fly-chasers.

### Charges Against Firpo Will Not Stop Battle

Washington — The deportation charges brought against Luis Angel Firpo, the Argentine heavyweight, by the Rev. William S. Chase of New York, and his associates, is expected by persons in close touch with the department of labor to have no effect on the fighters engagement to meet Harry Wills, negro ring star, Sept. 11.

Kid Norfolk, New York, and Battling McCreery, Boston, will come together in a 10-round decision bout at Boston for the negro light heavyweight title Friday night.

### Edward "Pop" Geers Killed When Horse Falls On Track

Wheeling, W. Va.—Edward ("Pop") Geers, the veteran American harness race driver, died late Wednesday in the Ohio Valley hospital from injuries he received earlier in the afternoon when his horse fell at the state fair track.

Thrown From Sulky The famous driver, known thru-out the land as the man of a thousand victories, was hurt when his horse fell in a trot at the fair grounds track, tossing the old man out of the sulky.

"Pop" who was over 70, was the oldest man competing in professional sports in this country and perhaps in the world.

"Pop" was the big attraction of the state fair racing card and a huge crowd had turned out to see the "grand old man" of harness tracks put his horses through their paces.

It was the veteran's first accident of any consequence in his long history as a driver of thorough-

## Wright Filling Shoes of Wagner in Great Style

Without the slightest intention of calling back to life the original paragraph in Joe Miller's famous book, it can be said that in Glenn Wright at shortstop the Pittsburgh Pirates seem to have the right man in the right place.

Go to the Polo grounds Sept. 22 and see the best shortstop the Pittsburgh Buccaneers have had since the days of Hans Wagner. So good is he that, fresh from a minor league this spring, he displaced such a star as Rabbit Maranville. He was the kingpin of the Kansas City team of the American association which last fall won the "Little World's Series" from the Baltimore Orioles.

Wagner could hit as well as field his position in the most stunning style the old days of baseball ever saw. Most shortstops are worders on the defense but weak on the offense. Wright not alone is a smashing fielder, but he has done so well in his short time with the Pirates that he has been placed No. 4 in the batting order. No higher praise for his batting prowess than this is needed. That's the "clean up" spot, where Wagner the Great always starred.

Wright is tall, rangy, a veritable Corsair of the diamond. He belongs with the Pirates. He is all over the place like the leader of a boarding party, cutlass in hand when a big play is on. No wonder the Yankees sought him to take the place of Everett Scott, and no wonder Barney Breyfuss gave up thousands for him.

Watch him, this youngest of the Pirates. He'll stand watching.

### Smith Says Grid Prospects Poor at California

Berkeley, Cal.—Optimism over football prospects for the coming season has no place at California, according to Andrew Smith, head gridiron dignitary at the Berkeley institution of education.

Yet Big Andy spread no pallor of gloom over his office today as he spoke for the first time of the Golden Bear outlook.

"I am not a gloomer," Andy said, "but here are the facts. Stanford lost three first team men, Washington has only two stars to replace and graduation took but few men from the Trojan eleven of Gus Henderson. The southerners had one of the best

### Relay Team at Fair

Art Johnston is another big fellow that has not re-entered school. He showed plenty of ability last year and was counted upon as a sure bet this fall. It is not known if he will enter school or not.

Question of eligibility of several of the players is still up in the air. School officials are now looking over the records of the men and eligibility lists will be announced soon.

Coach Ritchey was not at practice this afternoon but practice was held in which a fair turnout of men took part. The local coach had the high school relay team consisting of Bill Nash, Dick Mathews, Ed. Hougen, Paul Billmeyer and Ray Sampson at Marshfield where they were scheduled to race the Marshfield high school relay team at the fair today.

freshman teams on the Pacific coast last year.

California will have three veterans from last year's eleven. Eight of the eleven men who started against Stanford are now fighting for bread out in the cold, cruel world. There were fifteen letter men on the Golden Bear squad last year. Ten of them have said goodbye to college football forever.

Andy then brought out the fact that the California freshman team last year was beaten by both Stanford and the University of Southern California. "We had one of the poorest first year teams in many seasons, while the Cardinals and the Trojans had the best in years."

### GOES TO SENATORS

A semi-pro third baseman, Ludlow of Alexandria, will be given a try-out by the Senators.

## Bucket Leakings

Golf fans all over the country have been awaiting the outcome of the Edith Cummings and Miriam Burns golf match in the Women's Open Championship tourney in the east. Interestingly in the match followed the meeting between the pair in the Western Women's Open in Chicago earlier this season. At that time Miss Burns, the favorite, was attacked the night before with a severe illness, but gamely took the field and suffered defeat by the top sided margin of 12 up and 10 to play. She offered no alibi and it was only through the insistence of her friends that the fact that she was terribly ill the night before became known.

Her pluckiness and willingness to shoulder the inglorious defeat without a whimper won her the admiration of thousands and, although Miss Cummings is equally popular, the great majority of fans were pulling for the Kansas City girl to come through in their meeting for the national title.

Wednesday the two friendly rivals met and in a hard fought match Miss Burns won over her opponent. The match was so close and hard fought that three extra holes were played before the winner could be determined. The winner, even if she fails to come through to the title this year, is almost sure to possess the title before she stores the clubs away for all time. She is a young player and her display of grit in the Chicago match and her great comeback in the east clearly shows that she has the stuff from which champions are moulded.

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