PHILS PLAY CUBS TODAY—TIE-UP IN EASTERN BASKETBALL—RING BATTLES TOMORROW

PHILLIES PLAY CUBS TODAY IN PRACTICE CONTEST AT TAMPA

Four Pitchers With Moran's Squad at Tampa. Only Light Practice on Soaked Field—Bresnahan Names Cubs' Line-up

[FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.]

TAMPA, Fla., March 16.—Manager Pat Moran and his select squad of Phillies are here for a battle royal with the Chicago Cubs. Those of the party are Baumgartner, Rixey, Mattison, Tincup, Luderus, Niehoff, Byrne, Stock, Becker, Whitted, Cravath, Paskert, Burns and Adams, to say nothing of Bill Sheehline.

The remainder of the squad will go through routine work at St. Petersburg under the supervision of Pinch Boss Jack Martin, the Miracle Man of Orlando.

The Phils had only a short workout yesterday at their camp. The field was soft and no practice other than bunting and warming up the arms was attempted.

But every man practiced, and there is not a seriously indisposed one in the squad, although several unfortunates complain of a mysterious malady, made manifest by skin irritation. Too much fish diet is one diagnosis, but the natives say "red bugs."

Manager Bresnahan gave out the names of the players who will occupy the three positions in the Chicago National's line-up undecided at the opening of the training season. Cy Williams, the former Notre Dame player, will take Tommy Leach's place in centre field; Polly McLarry, bought from Louisville, succeeds Sweeney at second base, and Fisher will be the regular shortstop. The eight pitchers the Cubs will retain are Cheney, Vaughn, Lavender, Humphries, Zabel, Pierce, Adams and Standridge.

SWITCHBOARD BOWLERS BEATEN BY ROYALTYS

Western Electric League Leaders Downed Twice.

Switchboard, the leaders of Western Electric League, were downed in two games out of three last night by the Royalty squad. Accounting's three straight victories over Stores place them in a position to nose out Switchboard for the championship, should they be able to win their postponed series from Warehouse, which will be rolled on next Monday night, the final night of the season. Inspection kept up their remarkable winning streak with two victories out of three from Maintenance. Patterson, Nealy, Leaver, Gruber and Reforcat led individually, each topping over double centuries.

In a special interclub match rolled on Terminal Alleys last night between the crack 1105 team, of Allentown, and the Pirates, of Philadelphia, the latter won out by a 11-pin total. Rech, with a 201 score, led the upstaters, while old reliable President Duncan did the heavy work for the Pirate crew with a 221 score, ably assisted by George Bayers, with 201.

In the First National Bank League matches last night, Grays, the leaders, added three more games to their long string of victories, Reds being the best victims, and Blues won the odd game of their series with the Browns. Pritchard, Vag Artsdalen and Maxwell rolled well individually, each registering a double century.

In Mucko League matches Cattails won two games out of three from Bluebirds last night and tied up the latter for the leadership. Blackbirds won the odd game from Bluebirds.

ALL-AMERICAN FIVE NAMED BY SHARPE

Doctor Selects Two Cornell Men and One From Yale, Princeton and Columbia.

Two Cornell men and one man each from Yale, Princeton and Columbia were named yesterday at Ithaca, N. Y., by Dr. Albert H. Sharpe as members of an all-collegiate basketball team for this year. Doctor Sharpe's selections and his comment on the season follow:

First Team—Brown, Cornell, left forward; Weiner, Yale, right forward; McTighe, Princeton, centre; Lee, captain, Columbia, left guard; Janicorf, Cornell, right guard.

Second Team—Kinney, Yale, left forward; Calder, Columbia, right forward; Seelbach (captain), Penn, centre; Arnold, Yale, left guard; Haas, Princeton, right guard.

$7000 JOHNSON-WILLARD TICKETS SOLD IN HAVANA

Cuban Officials Watch Negro Champion Train for Fight.

HAVANA, March 16.—President Menocal, Government Secretary Hevia, Postmaster General Hernandez and the Governor of Santiago Province spent an hour yesterday watching Jack Johnson train. The President told Manager Curley that he personally attended to offset rumors that he intended to interfere with the fight.

The battle, which is scheduled for 45 rounds, will take place at the Oriental Race Track, Marianao, about five miles from Havana, and easy of access by trolley, carriage and automobile. Accommodations will be prepared for 30,000 persons. Admission prices range from $1 to $25, and already more than $7000 worth of tickets have been reserved. Johnson will receive $32,000 as his share of the purse and the money already is posted. The referee will be named when Willard and Johnson have a conference after Jess' arrival.

If Johnson defeats Willard he will remain in Cuba, become a citizen of the Republic and engage in the hotel business here. Already a syndicate of Havana business men have organized a company to back Johnson in a gigantic hotel and health resort in Havana.

Swarthmore Prep Five Banquets

The last echoes of Swarthmore Preparatory's basketball season have resounded in the form of the annual banquet, at which C. Hardesty, the All-Scholastic forward, was chosen to pilot the 1916 quintet. Bill Johnson was elected manager. The following men were awarded the regular block "S" in basketball: Skow, Evans, Hardesty, Cronin, Pierce and Stiles. Benjamin, MacAllister, Clymer, Voorhees, Barbot and Simpson were awarded the regular "S. P. S."

Coast Polo Matches Begin Today

SAN FRANCISCO, March 16.—Teams from Cooperstown, N. Y., and San Mateo, Cal., will opposse each other this afternoon in the first game of the Universal polo tournament for the Exposition championship cups, which will be played during the next six weeks on the field of the Panama-Pacific Exposition.

Indoor Tennis Play Progresses

NEW YORK, March 16.—Under favorable conditions rapid progress was made in the women's national indoor tennis championship yesterday in the 7th Regiment Armory. The field of 35 competitors in singles was reduced to 13 survivors. Among the winners were Miss Merle Wagner, playing-through champion; Miss Molla Bjurstedt, champion of Norway, and Miss Florence Sheldon, Montclair A. C. Miss Mary Williams and Mrs. H. H. Smith, formidable Philadelphians, were beaten.

JOHN W. SCHORR TO QUIT TURF, IS LATEST GOSSIP

Rumored That A. S. Cochran Will Purchase Memphis Man's String.

There is a strong possibility that Alexander S. Cochran will race this season with a marvelous stable of thoroughbreds. John W. Schorr, the Memphis brewer, whose name headed the list of winning owners in America last season, is contemplating selling his horses, and Mr. Cochran has been considering the purchase of the thoroughbreds. It would give Mr. Cochran a prominent place in the sport at once.

A strengthening "dry" movement is threatening Mr. Schorr's interest and he is going to fight the sponsors.

The horses that will figure in the sale are, Luke McLuke, b. c. 4, by Ultimus—Mirage; Davis Cup, ch. c. 4, by Keep It Dry—Avon H.; 24 Crum, ch. c. 5, by Fore o' Day—Eyeline; Leochares, b. c. 5, by Broomstick—Learmara; Aunt Josie, b. c. 5, by Ogden—Celine; Mary Cassidy, blk. g. 3, by Ogden—Grey Belle; Goldcrest Girl, b. c. 5, by Ogden—Miss Granville; Geo. Roesch, ch. c. 5, by Star Shoot—Olive Faut; Vanderglift, b. c. 4, by Ben Brush—Noonday; Star Shooter, ch. g. 3, by Star Shoot—Olga Netherside; Goldcrest Boy, br. c. 3, by Plaudit—Polly Prim; Edda, b. m. 4, by Prince Ur—Break o' Day; Lindenthal, b. g. 3, by Star Shoot—Lendall; Clara, ch. g. 6, by Royal Flush III—Mellon Mowbray; Batina, br. c. 4, by Dick Welles—Tocsin; Eddie Delling, ch. c. 3, by Peter Stamer—Tsaptsoulas; Lenegro, ch. c. 4, by Meisick—Clara and Festive; Bishe Williams, b. f. 4, by Uncle—Dorothy Gray.

ATHLETICS' RECRUITS TO FACE JAYS TODAY

Voltz and Gardiner Will Pitch for Macklets Against Jacksonville Ball Team.

[FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.]

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., March 16.—Three recruit pitchers of the Athletics are to face the Jacksonville team today in the second clash of the local series. Voltz, Gardiner and Davis form the trio for the firing line.

Manager Mack was well pleased with the form shown by Joe Bush, Herb Pennock and Recruit Hamilton in yesterday's contest, won by the Macknen by the count of 11 to 2. This trio twirled hitless ball. Bush and Pennock, in particular, showed the benefits derived from the Jacksonville training. They started to cut loose with hooks and fast ones. A feature of their performances was the fact that neither issued a base on balls in the three innings he pitched.

NORTHEAST ATHLETES BARRED

Are Ineligible Because of Low Scholastic Standing.

Many star athletes of the Northeast High School are below the required scholastic standing on October weeks grades which were made known yesterday at the unknown institution. The men found deficient will be out of competition for six weeks, and will then only be eligible if their scholastic records are up to the standard. The track, baseball and crew candidates were all hard hit by the locality. The track team loses MacBean, the star pole vaulter; Heuer, Sabin and Lynch, quarter-milers; Koch, the two-miler, and McCutchon, the best 100-yard man in the school. To offset these losses Coaches Sigman and Gerney find that Captain Weisel, Hesk and Ted Thomas are eligible, after being on the delinquent list during the indoor season. Weisel and Thomas are the best shot-putters in the school, and Hesk is a two-miler.

The baseball team loses Marconas in the pitching department and Wilson and Dunn, catchers. Ruhath, the left fielder, and Rickey and Wall, infielders, are also lost. All are veterans from last year, and they were expected to be a big help to the team this season.

700 CLUBS IN SHOOT

Fred Gilbert Tournament Is Under Way This Week.

During this week 700 trap shooting clubs of the United States will hold "Fred Gilbert shoots," that are by telegraph the records compiled at a central bureau determining the winner. The tournament will end next Saturday. Most of the State clubs will be in the reckoning.

One of the biggest affairs of the country will be held at Wilmington in connection with the scheme, and Fred Gilbert himself will be in attendance at the du Pont Trapshooting Club's grounds St. Patrick's Day (tomorrow), Wednesday afternoon's shoot will be additionally featured by the appearance of John P. Sousa, famous bandmaster, who will enter the contest.

At night a dinner will be given for Mr. Gilbert, the wizard of Spirit Lake, Ia., at the Hotel du Pont, Wilmington, Del., at 8 o'clock. The dinner will be informal. Invitation is extended to all the trapshooters in Philadelphia.

The Trapshooters' National Bureau has charge of the affair.

OUIMET HERE TODAY

National Amateur Champion Will Work Over Pine Valley Course.

Francis Ouimet, national amateur golf champion and ex-open champion, will be here today, along with A. H. Sullivan, Jr., of the Woodland Golf Club, Boston. This afternoon the New England pair will visit the Pine Valley Golf Club as the guests of George Crump and C. H. Buxton. A four-ball match will be played with the hosts on the one side and Ouimet and Sullivan on the other.

The champion will not remain in Philadelphia after today, as he is on his way to Pinehurst for the United North and South tournaments that will be started within a few days.

INDOOR GOLF SEASON ENDS

Course at Gimbels Will Be Torn Down After Tournament.

The closing tournament on the Gimbel indoor links starts today. It is in the nature of a consolation event, as only those who have not been prize winners in previous tournaments are eligible. Prizes are offered for both men and women, and the program calls for 36 holes, medal play.

The driving schools as well as the nine-hole course will, in the vernacular of the machine shop, be knocked down on Saturday.

Mantell Beats McCoy

Frank Mantell, of Pawtucket, R. I., defeated the new Al McCoy, of Brooklyn, in their 10-round bout at the Olympic A. C., of New York, last night, and in the other scheduled 10-round go Billy Glover, of Boston, substituting for Jimmy Mitchell, who recently had an operation performed on his nose, landed a terrific left swing on Jack Palmer's jaw in the first round and sent Palmer down for the count.

Hold Utility Auto Test

The third day of the Maxwell "25" 1000-mile utility test run being conducted by the Sterling Motorcar Company, of Broad and Race streets, wound up last night with a score of 422.2 miles completed.

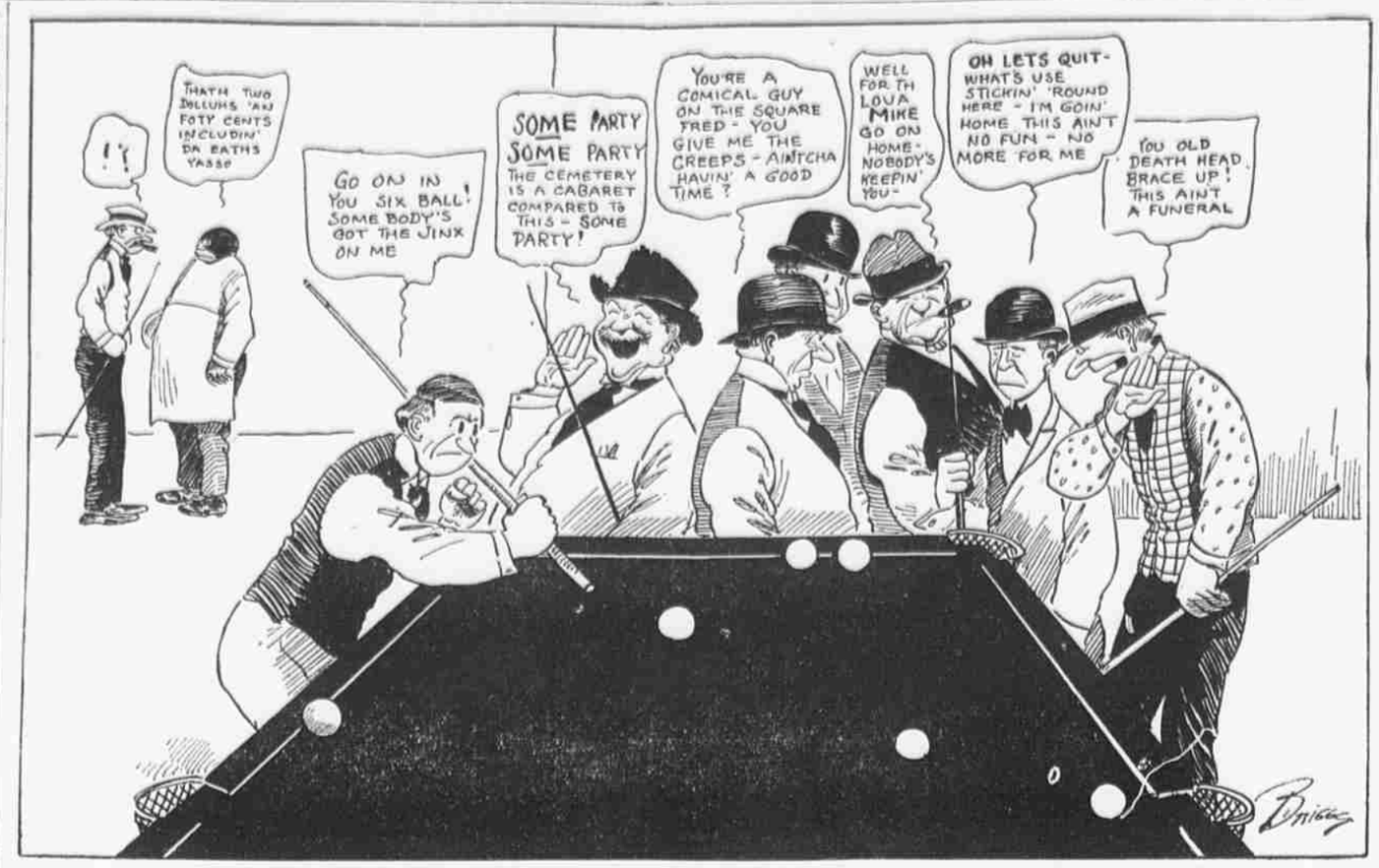
The run yesterday was longer and more strenuous than on the two preceding days, taking a circuitous route from Philadelphia to Trenton and Lakewood.

Baseball Decision Tomorrow

CHICAGO, March 16.—Decision in the court fight between the Federal League and the Kansas City Club over the transfer of the latter's franchise to Newark will be handed down Wednesday. After hearing the concluding arguments in the case yesterday, Judge Baldwin announced that he would take the case under advisement over night.

To Honor Girard Five

The Girard Alumni basketball team, American League champions, will be guests at a banquet given by the Girard College Alumni Association Saturday, March 27.



KELLY POOL—THE GROUCH

TRENTON'S VICTORY TIES UP STANDING

Reading Five Suffers 30 to 24 Defeat and Is Brought Down to Even Terms

Eastern League

LAST NIGHT'S RESULT.

Trenton, 30; Reading, 24.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS

	W.	L.	P.C.		W.	L.	P.C.
Reading	24	15	.615	Greystock	17	21	.447
Camden	24	15	.615	De Neri	17	22	.436
Trenton	19	20	.487	Jasper	15	23	.395

SCHEDULE FOR TOMORROW NIGHT.

Jasper at Camden.

In one of the greatest basketball games ever staged in Trenton, Trenton defeated Reading at the Second Regiment Armory last night, 30 to 24.

This practically makes another tie in the Eastern League, as both Reading and Camden have but one more game to play, each game at home, and should the home teams win these battles the Eastern race will again result in a deadlock. The first half ended last night with Trenton leading by the score of 19 to 12.

MEREDITH IN RACE

Will Compete in New York Armory Games Tonight.

The fourth annual Manhattan College meet will be held tonight at the 69th Regiment Armory, New York city, and many prominent athletes have been entered in the various events, the total number of entries being between 500 and 600. The Jasper three-quarter mile will be the main event of the evening, and it is expected that Devaney, Kiviat, Eagan, Mahoney, Colby, Caldwell and Baker will start.

For the quarter-mile invitation event, Halpin, Meredith, Hirshon, Hauser, Gissing, Gough and Rose have sent in their names. Sol Leslie, Pores, Stanakopulos, Noble, Fogel and Messler have entered in the two mile.

Maxines Lead Bowlers

PEORIA, Ill., March 16.—Fairly good scores were rolled yesterday at the tournament of the American Bowling Congress, but last night the Maxines, of Detroit, still are leading the five-men teams with a score of 2807.

"FANNING" WITH GRANTLAND RICE

SAVANNAH, Ga., March 16. They first called him Wild Bill. Later on a few changed over to Smiling Bill. And Smiling Bill is the name that should stick. Where the Yanks will finish is possibly something else again. But wherever they finish we are willing to offer fair odds they don't drive that smile from Bill Donovan's face. They may break his heart, for he is ambitious to take his place with the leaders who have made good, but if they do no one will ever know it, for that smile will still flash back at the crowd.

It is a hard thing to lead and to command the respect, the obedience and the friendship of those who follow. If it can be done, we believe Donovan is the man. For he is unlike any other man in the game with a managerial job.

Donovan's Way

Donovan is unlike McGraw and Stallings in that he believes in leading rather than driving. In this respect he is more like Mack. But while Connie is somewhat austere and solemn and excessively quiet, Donovan is a rare mixer who makes friends at every turn.

The best example of his system of leadership is told in this statement which he gave out: "It isn't my policy to act as any slave driver or to build up an aggressive team spirit by cursing my men. I don't believe in invective or profanity on the field, as applied by the manager to his men or by one man to another, or by the manager or men to the umpire. If I have a player who can only be goaded into work by being cursed and abused, I'd rather have another man in his place."

The New Game

"For baseball," Donovan continued, "has advanced too far for such methods to exist. The ball player today is the best paid worker I know of on an average. In the big leagues he will average around $900 a year. How many other professions will average as much? A man who can earn $800 in six months should be above being called a run of vile names, and I don't believe this system is necessary."

And this isn't bunk. During a recent practice one of the Yanks was hit on the hand by a wide pitch and thereupon applied some epithet to the other player. "Chop that," was Donovan's immediate order. "It doesn't go on this club. We haven't any of that kind of people around, and there's no use calling a man that, even if it isn't meant."

The Right Example

For all these tactics Donovan himself will set the example. After two weeks in camp we have yet to hear him use even the suggestion of profanity toward any player. If he had to register a "call" or a reproof it was registered in plain English, straight to the point, but in language that would stand in a drawing room or a business house. It is "Do this," or "Do that," or "Don't do this" or "Don't do that"—but never with any epithet attached to emphasize the point.

He has under his command a crowd of clean living, intelligent, ambitious young fellows, and it is his belief that to develop the proper machine morale in such a club is to build up the pride of that club and maintain its ambition—even against the dark days that might be ahead. And he doesn't believe that the right man's pride and ambition are to be developed by calling him a yellow dog or suggesting that his ancestry was of the same mould. And if his psychology isn't right, then all psychology is a joke.

SOUTHERN HIGH PLANS BOOST FOR QUINTET

Coaches Will Get Earlier Start to Regain Old Form—Final Games.

Although Southern High School's basketball team played a leading part in deciding the Scholastic League championship in Northeast High School's favor, the downtown quintet was not a serious contender for the title at any time during the season. This was the first year since the inauguration of the organization Southern was not in the fightinig.

However, Coaches Ker and Smith have decided to turn to the cage sport earlier than usual next season, and, with the same line-up, except Captain Weinstein, who will be lost by graduation, they expect to develop as good a five as the 1913-14 championship quintet.

Jay Smith, the former Southern High all-round athlete and coach of the basketball team, has announced his intention of entering Temple University at the beginning of the next term.

De Lancey School won 10 out of 15 of its basketball battles this year. Four veterans will be out for next season's team, including Captain-elect Bob Martin, Johnson, Latta and Hamilton.

Roller Skating Fete in New York

Nineteen events will be run off at the roller-skating carnival at Madison Square Garden, New York, tonight, most of them being sprint races. The track, which has been built for the 24-hour race which begins at midnight tomorrow, will be used for the contests tonight.

Sailor Maher Lambasts Lewis

Sailor Maher was so far superior to Billy Lewis in the main bout at the Broadway Sporting Club, New York, yesterday afternoon that the referee called a halt in the fourth round to prevent a knock-out. Lewis was nearly "out on his feet."

Squash Exhibition Saturday

John Friel, an instructor at the Racquet Club, will play W. S. Forsyth, late of the Racquet Club, at the Pittsburgh Athletic Club next Saturday in an exhibition squash match, the best of five games to decide the winner of the purse offered by the members. The match will follow the finals for the club championship.

PROPER STARTING METHOD

The front view pose indicates the perfect position "on the mark" for an athlete. The weight of the body is supported as it should be. The other shows the sprinter at the instant the gun is fired, and how he gets away in the fastest possible manner. (See Article V on this Page).

COBB AND SHERMAN AT FAIRMOUNT TONIGHT

Norristown Club Also Offers Good Bill—Special Show at Fairmount Tomorrow.

Ty Cobb and Abe Sherman will star in the final fray on the regular weekly program of the Fairmount A. C., tonight. Manager Marcus Williams has arranged also a special show for tomorrow night. At the Palace A. C., Norristown, tonight, Eddie McAndrews and Freddy Kelly will clash in the star bout of ten rounds.

The Fairmount program follows:

First bout—Terry Relser, North Penn, vs. Mike Russell, Little Italy.
Second bout—Frankie Hopp, 17th Ward, vs. Johnny Reilly, Gray's Ferry.
Third bout—Eddie Gavin, North Penn, vs. Jack Kantrow, Southwark.
Fourth bout—Tommy Sharp, Fairmount, vs. Jack Redmond, Southwark.
Semi-windup—Monk Dickson, Richmond, vs. Charles Smith, 10th Ward.

The Palace card follows:

First bout—Jimmy Valentine vs. Young Early.
Second bout—Charley Blassell vs. Young Scott.
Semi-windup—K. O. Kleason vs. K. O. Hudson.
Windup—Eddie McAndrews vs. Freddy Kelly.
Mickey Gallagher and Frankie White will clash in the window of the Broadway A. C.'s show Thursday night.
Olympia fight fans will have another opportunity of witnessing Lew Tendler in action with a tough foe when the newsboy champion meets Jimmy Murray next Monday night. Tommy O'Keefe and Patsey Cline box in the semi.

MRS. BARLOW LEADS FIELD

Eight Women Qualify for Golf Fixture at Pinehurst.

PINEHURST, N. C., March 16.—Eight women qualified for the match play rounds of the annual silver tolls golf championship here yesterday.

Mrs. H. H. Barlow, of Philadelphia, was first, with 89; Miss Louise B. Elkins, of Pittsburgh, got 95; Mrs. H. R. Stockton, of Plainfield, 96; Miss Sarah Evans, of Swampscott, 98; Mrs. H. L. Jillson, of Pinehurst, 99, and Mrs. E. R. Behrend, of Erie, 100.

Parker Whittemore made the best score of the day—a 77—in the first round of the tin whistle championship, which will include courses 1, 2 and 3, 54 holes of medal play.

JOE MAYER BEATS CUTLER AT BILLIARDS

Amateur Cue Champion Shows Fine Form in Yesterday's Match With Bostonian.

Joseph Mayer, who recently won the national amateur 18.2 balk-line billiard championship at the Union League tournament, defeated Albert G. Cutler, the Boston professional, at the new Regent Parlor last night in the second block of their four-day match by 300 to 272. Cutler was in much better form than he showed in the afternoon game, which Mayer also walked away with by the overwhelming score of 300 to 72.

Miscues cost the Bostonian many points, as three of his runs concluded with these mistakes, including the 46-point count. He was full of brilliant shots, but played comparatively easy ones carelessly, and often drew wide or not enough, or drove too hard on straight caroms.

NIGHT GAME.

Mayer—2, 25, 3, 8, 5, 26, 17, 7, 23, 34, 19, 3, 1, 55, 3, 38, 16, 6, 3, 0, 3, 1. Total, 300. Average, 12.13-23. High run, 55.

Cutler—10, 15, 2, 9, 8, 1, 21, 3, 46, 2, 17, 16, 4, 24, 14, 16, 17, 1, 0, 24, 4, 6. Total, 272. Average, 12.13-22. High run, 46.

AFTERNOON GAME.

Mayer—1, 58, 9, 20, 13, 0, 21, 1, 4, 30, 0, 30, 12, 4, 2, 19, 21, 6. Total, 250. Average, 14.8-18. High run, 38.

Cutler—22, 4, 5, 1, 3, 0, 0, 2, 0, 4, 2, 3, 12, 8, 0, 4, 2. Total, 72. Average, 4.14-17. High run, 22.

O'KEEFE AGAIN OUTPOINTS LOUISIANA AT OLYMPIA A. A.

Toland Beats Baker in Corking Good Battle.

Eddie O'Keefe again returned a victor over Louisiana in their set-to at the Olympia A. A. last night. The former's advantage in reach and his better judgment in connecting with his punches served him in great stead to pile up a lead. Neither boy received hardly any punishment, although O'Keefe delivered a few straight right-hand punches on Louisiana's jaw, making him clinch. Louisiana outweighed O'Keefe by a quarter of a pound, coming in at 123¼ pounds, ringside.

Knockout Harry Baker, 160 pounds, and Jack Toland, 154¼ pounds, put up the most interesting bout on the program, with the latter having the beter of the milling. The winner succeeded in landing the more telling punches, rocking Baker several times with hard right-hand blows to the head. Baker was always willing, however, and the fighting of the two greatly interested the spectators.

Young Lowrey, 146 pounds, substituted for Tommy Coleman, who broke his hand, it was announced. He opposed Kid Henry, 150½ pounds, and was the recipient of a mighty sound trouncing. Willie Herman, 144¾ pounds, easily defeated Frankie Burke, 143¾ pounds, and Fighting Bob, 128¼ pounds, trimmed Harry Macey, 131 pounds.

P. A. L. MEETING TONIGHT

Executive Board of City Organization Meets at Starr Garden.

Members of the executive board of the Public Athletic League of Philadelphia will gather tonight at the Starr Garden recreation centre, at 8 o'clock, to discuss athletic questions. The session will be the semiannual one. Invitations have been sent out to prominent athletic officials.

Harry Gissing is to run for the 71st Regiment, of New York, but will be ineligible to compete in the championships, as he must be a member of the regiment 30 days previous to the meet, as required by rules.

AWAY WITH THE GUN, THE RUNNER'S SLOGAN; TECHNICAL DIRECTIONS

Start Is All-Important Factor in Track Competition — How to Place Feet and Body, How to Dash Forward.

ARTICLE V.

Ask the experienced sprinter and he will tell you that next to his wonderful burst of speed through his distance, the most important quality is starting. So many athletes pay such little attention to this very important phase of training that it is not surprising how often they lose at the finish by inches. Had they been able to "catch" the gun the instant it was fired they would have netted the necessary inches to win.

The importance of the start cannot be overestimated in sprint races, that is, up to and including the quarter mile. In the middle distances and in the distance the start does not play such an all-important part, as any slight disadvantage suffered at the start may be made up. Not so in the sprints, if the man next to you is as good as yourself. You will understand this better when you have raced through the hundred to find the judges have placed you second when you were sure you had the other athlete beat on form. May be his start was best.

The proper form on the mark is one of the easiest things acquired, and afterward it is done mechanically. Place the left leg forward about four inches from the starting line (the mark). If outdoor, dig the foot hole the distance from the line and make a deep one so that greater purchase may be had. Then to measure yourself perfectly on the mark, place the right knee in the instep of the left foot. This procedure will give you the proper distance for the back foot hole, or trench. You now have the feet placed correctly. All that is needed now is to place the hand on either side of you for support, but care must be taken that the arms are well inside you. A good way to measure the proper supporting method is to squat on both legs and allow just enough space between the arms for the passage of the limbs.

Do not "get set" on your mark with arms spread far apart. You can readily understand they will not have the centred supporting strength. At the word "get set" the proper form is to lean a bit forward—not to the point of overbalancing—at the same time keeping the spinal column parallel with the ground and the knee off the earth about four inches.

In a sprint every effort should be centred on the straight-ahead idea. The back foot on the mark should be placed straight. The shove off should be made directly forward with all the power of the left leg. The right one is used simply to guide off and no attempt should be made to push with it.

At the sound of the gun do not make a jump away from the mark, but make a few "digs," say three in the first three yards until momentum is gained. Be careful not to straighten up immediately after you leave the mark, for that would be a loss of time. Be slightly crouched and leaning well forward until about 20 yards from the mark, when you should be into your speed. Then you may straighten up for the run to the tape. You should be taught to run with the body always pointing forward, or you will find that you will "tie up" in the last 20 yards and really run backward for far as straight-ahead action is concerned.

The right upper body action away at the sound of the gun is to shoot the left arm up as though you were aiming an uppercut in a boxing match. The right arm should fly back with a snap at the instant the left leg takes up the spring away from the mark. The more pronounced the effort of uppercutting and snapping, the better the start.

Arms spread-eagle fashion on the mark, and the hips raised as high as they can go on the legs when set, with the feet placed any old way on the ground, is the usual form of the novice on the mark.

For the distance runner the standing start will be found practical, though some prefer the sprint start. The usual distance start is to place the right leg back and, with knee bent, swing into the stride at the sound of the gun.

The photographs below show the proper form "on the mark" and "at the gun."

LIMELIGHT BOXERS WILL BATTLE HERE

Olympia and National Clubs Have Billed Foremost Fighters for Tomorrow Night.

Fistic stars will shine here tomorrow night at the National Club and Johnny Kilbane and Kid Williams will fight at the Olympia A. A. These bills will make pugilistic history for Philadelphia.

The principals in the intrachampionship match, the result of which is being anxiously awaited, have been here working out diligently for a week. Each is in better shape than at any other time of his career. Kilbane has found the training just to his liking at Jimmy Dougherty's Crum Lynne quarters. Johnny is below the required weight, 122 pounds.

Jimmy Clabby and Charley White, Western fighters booked on the National Club's program to oppose Young Ahern and Sam Robideau, respectively, are here with their managers, Larney Litchenstein and Nate Lewis. Clabby arrived Sunday night, while White reached here last night. Both boys will do some light work at Adam Ryan's gymnasium for the purpose of loosening their muscles following their journey over the steel ribbons.

Jack McCarron, Joe Borrell and Robideau have been working at Ryan's quarters, while Tommy Howell conditioned himself for his Pennsylvania State Italian titular contest with Borrell at Pal Moore's sanctum.

Soldier Bartfield and Ahern will leave New York for this city late this afternoon or tonight, while George Chaney, of Baltimore, will get here sometime today.

Detroit Star Has Appendicitis

GULFPORT, Miss., March 16.—First Baseman Burns, of the Detroit Tigers, was stricken with appendicitis and the attending physician will operate on him today.

Greatest Show Ever Staged
March 17—WED. EVENING—March 17
National A. C.—National A. C.
JIMMY CLABBY vs. YOUNG AHERN
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