

GREAT RING BATTLE ON IN HAVANA TODAY—PHILS AND ATHLETICS DUE FOR THREE GAMES

FULLY OF VALE-PEPE RACE IN STORM; SPORT COMMENT

No Test for Oarsmen and Disregard for Patrons—Jess Willard's Only Hope for Victory Today.

Yale and Pennsylvania crews got a great deal of good out of their Easter week practice on the Schuylkill. It is difficult to see what advantage there was for either side to hold Saturday's race in a blinding blizzard. Neither university had a chance to demonstrate superiority in stroke or racing shell, and even before the races started the critics were unanimous that the result would prove nothing beyond the fact that the oarsmen had unlimited force and physical courage. About the only spectators present were those who had to be there.

Why the races were not postponed until this morning has not been satisfactorily explained. The Pennsylvania men were willing to do anything to oblige their Yale guests. So far as could be learned, the principal reason the Yale men wanted to get the race over was that they had engagements out of town the week following and did not wish to break them.

Had Saturday been a good day, there would have been no fewer than 10,000 persons on hand to see the struggle, and probably almost that number would have turned out today. Thousands of Yale and Pennsylvania graduates in this city, not to mention the thousands of Pennsylvania undergraduates, are disappointed not to have seen the struggle. They apparently were overlooked in the mad desire to get the race over with.

College athletes have always been famed for their courage and hardihood shown in competition. Yale men feared the element of luck played an important part in such conditions. The four crews, with their legs bare, wore on the river for more than an hour without protection. It will be almost miraculous if some of these men do not suffer from the exposure.

It would be impossible for even the coaches themselves to analyze critically the faults shown by the crews. The oarsmen were too intent on leaving their shells afloat to pay any attention to the wind and the snow was too blinding to permit any one to study their blade work accurately.

The Pennsylvania men have no excuse to offer that their veteran crews were beaten by the Yale boys. It is true that the Yale men were more accustomed to rowing in rough waters for rough water is the natural condition at New Haven, but at no time were the Quakers on even terms with their rivals.

The victory, no matter under what conditions it was obtained, will be a good thing for Yale crews. At New Haven they have been trying for years to install a new and scientific rowing system. Although Yale beat Harvard on the "Thomas" last year, many Yale men feared the element of luck played an important part. But the work of the Yale men exhibited in their practice on the Schuylkill has demonstrated that they are improving. They have a new confidence now, and they will prepare for the remaining races of their schedule with something of the spirit they had in the days when they beat Harvard regularly in nearly every sport.

Willard's Only Hope for Victory

While there is a strong rush of sentiment toward Jess Willard, who fights Jack Johnson today at Havana for the world's heavyweight ring championship, it is not backed up by any considerable amount of betting. This is something new. In previous world's championship fights there have been enormous bets. Today it appears that the betting world, particularly the element who place their wagers, is at a loss. The reason is that Jess Willard is an unknown quantity. Not that he has no ring record, but because he has met men of such different calibre from the man he faces today. Added to this is the fact that the Negro champion has never fought a man as big as Willard's title.

Willard is a huge, lumbering mass of humanity, carrying a punch that can argue with a Missouri mule. He has not the brain of a college professor. Strength is not all required of a pugilist. If Jack Johnson can block those terrific punches, Willard's nerve may fail him and he will be led into a wild and reckless style of fighting. Willard will lay bare his magnificent muscles, and he is not in an good condition as when he met Jim Jeffries, still has a blow that, under such conditions, would finish the cowboy.

It is strength against skill, and strength will win in an endurance test. The white man's hope of victory is to prevent himself for 20 rounds of the battle, tire his opponent, and then carry a superfluous fat, and then carefully begin his offensive. Youth and superior strength will win, if the young giant's intelligence can grasp and hold its grasp of the situation even at the expense of his patience.

Fight Promoters Here at Each Other's Throats Philadelphia at present probably is the best pugilistic city in the country. The fact that approximately \$14,000 was paid out in a single night by 10,000 fight lovers argues it. The fact that all the clubs have excellent patronage on the regular nights is further evidence. And it must be said also that the managers have been furnishing genuine attractions of real merit and pleasing to the public.

But the spirit of rivalry that has been engendered and is growing so seriously threatens the sport here. The conflicting events on St. Patrick's Day delivered a blow. And now come rumors that another clash is imminent over the arrangements for a meet between Eddie Morgan, English featherweight champion, and George Chancy, Baltimore's contender for Johnny Kilgore's title.

According to the reports, one matchmaker has overruled another after the agreement had been virtually settled. Competition is all right, but when it threatens the validity of agreements it is dangerous. As a result, the aggrieved matchmakers plan revenge in a rival attraction. Who suffers? Both the promoters and the fans. The fans are forced to pay higher prices in order that they may see the fight. The extra efforts. The managers suffer by the divided patronage and the excessive costs of their productions.

It is up to the promoters and to the clubs to stop fighting among themselves. They will profit, and so will the public.

Keep Professionals Out of College

The University of Michigan on Saturday took a positive stand on summer semi-professional ball and took the varsity letter away from Charles Webber, a 1913 player, who admitted in the recent campus campaign on the question that he had played semi-professional ball while on the varsity team. It is expected that he will be forced by the faculty to leave college. Webber, however, is protesting in favor of the indorsement of summer ball, and finally admitted in a signed statement that he had evaded the rules. The action of the university is commendable, for professionalism in college baseball would ruin the sport.

A Jinx for Stallings' Consideration

The Boston Braves never think about Pitcher Alton, of the Dodgers, without a feeling akin to a desire for murder welling up in their bosoms. Alton was the particular jinx of the Braves last year. Nine times they faced him, and eight times they turned him back beaten, and badly beaten at that.

The Braves, riding along nicely after the first part of July, were irresistible until they encountered Alton. And then it was different. Other clubs could beat Alton, but the Braves couldn't. Alton won only 12 games in 1914, and eight were from the Braves.

PHILS AND ATHLETICS CLASH HERE THIS WEEK

Pat Moran Denies Steps Have Been Taken to Call Off City Series.

[FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.] WASHINGTON, April 5.—The Philadelphia city series will be played in Philadelphia, beginning on Wednesday, despite reports sent out from here that Manager Mack, of the Athletics, had attempted to have the series called off.

According to a statement issued by Manager Moran, there were no steps taken to cancel this week's card. Persons not connected with either club asserted that Connie Mack had planned to communicate with the Phillies' boss in regard to cancellation, but Moran stated that he had not heard from Mack and smiled on hearing rumors. Weather conditions only will keep the Philadelphia fans from witnessing the games between their favorites.

It is thought, however, that the teams will not arrange spring schedules hereafter with minor leagues along the Southern trip. It is Moran's idea to have his men remain in training camp up until the time for starting directly to the home lot.

Beaves Sign New Shortstop F. Low, a Dartmouth senior, shortstop on last season's baseball team, has signed a contract to play with the Boston Braves. Last week, through the medium of Coach Woods and Fred Mitchell, the veteran scout, the Dartmouth insider affixed his signature to a Boston contract. Although the terms of the contract were not made public, it is known that Low is bound under a long-term agreement. He will not report until June.

TWO NEW BILLIARD CLUBS OPEN TUESDAY

Federal and Union Leagues Arrange Schedule of Meets for Season's Play.

Philadelphia has two new pocket billiard leagues. Play will begin Tuesday evening. The new organizations, of eight rooms, will be known as the Federal and the Union Leagues, and every room has a representative in each league. The schedule is arranged so that all the players meet every other player twice, once at home and once away. Play will continue for a period of seven weeks, games being played every Tuesday and Thursday evening, and they will be 16-point affairs.

With each room having players in both leagues and the players alternating home and away, there will be a game in each room on every playing night. At the conclusion of the season, the first prize in each league will be the title of champion. The other league for first prize, while the second-place men will face each other, those who finish third will also come together for third money, and the fourth place men in each league will battle it out for the last prize in a grand finale. The prizes consist of \$50 for first, \$25 for second, \$15 for third and \$10 for fourth. W. Little was elected president and Allen K. Hurd secretary and treasurer.

The members of the leagues are E. Jowett, covering the metropolitan territory; W. Little, Talbot Brothers, G. Wallover and W. M. Ferry. The players entered are chosen from the patrons of the various rooms.

Los Angeles Seeks Olympics LOS ANGELES, April 5.—Los Angeles is the latest city to apply for the right to host the Olympic games in 1916. It is generally believed now that Berlin will abandon any claim to the games. The opening of the meet, and it seems obvious that the contest should be held in Los Angeles. Los Angeles contends that it could furnish practically as large an attendance as either Philadelphia or New York. The opening of the Panama Canal has brought southern California into the line as a prospective contender, but so that distance would not figure materially.



WILLIE HOUCK

STARS OF LOCAL BOXING BILLS TONIGHT

CATHOLIC HIGH PLAYS STRAYER'S TOMORROW Fitzpatrick Pitching in Great Form—Northeast Hurlers in Hard Work-outs Daily.

Catholic High School's baseball team will play its second game of the season tomorrow afternoon with the nine representing Strayer's Business College at Cahill Field, 67th street and Woodland avenue. The Purple and Gold team hopes to make up for the defeat received at the hands of Art and Textile last week.

A squad of good pitching material is out for the Catholic side, but Coach Greer has decided who will do most of the throwing. The squad includes the following candidates: Hallahan, Robinson, Dietrich, McHugh, Harper and Clemens. The first named has been pitching the best ball to date. Charlie Ferguson will be the material behind the bat. He is one of the best hitters on the team.

The exhibition of the hurlers in the Art and Textile game did not satisfy Coach Greer, and he probably will make a big change in the position. The men out for infield duties include Jimmy, Hanson, Cox, Casey, McGowan, Tiede, Hefferan and Fied.

The squad of the outer guards will be selected from the following candidates: Hallahan, Brogan, Lonard, McCann, Robinson and Jacob.

Coach Greer has a wealth of good material for his nine, but he has a big problem on his hands in selecting a winning nine.

Other games scheduled tomorrow follow: Penn Charter at Northeast High School; West Philadelphia High School at Episcopal Academy.

Upper Darby High School at Jenkintown High School; Haddonfield High School at Camden High School; Hildreth Park High School at Friends Central; Haddon Heights High School at Haddonmont High School; Brown Prep at La Salle College.

Dicker, Keller and Hill Dougherty are depicting splendid scenes at pitching practice in their endeavor to make a berth on Northeast High School's team. Dicker is a right hander after pitching jobs at McKersher, Stout, Bailey, Conover, Lunn, Thomas and Kramer. McMillen, who held down the right hand position for Northeast High School last season, is being trained at the school. Hill Dougherty is Prep's practice catcher. He is proving himself the best batter for the team.

FEDS TO ENJOY THE TEAM PENDING COURT DECISION Weeghman Declares He Will Not Let Great Pitcher Play.

PHILADELPHIA, April 5.—It is up to Judge Nease Mountain Landis whether or not Walter Weeghman, the Washington club pitcher, will play for the Federal League pending a decision in the case of the Federal League vs. O'Connell, who held down the right hand position for Northeast High School last season, is being trained at the school. Hill Dougherty is Prep's practice catcher. He is proving himself the best batter for the team.

Joe Mayer May Forsake Amateur Billiard Ranks Winner of Tourney Here to Play Cutler in New York.

NEW YORK, April 5.—Joseph Mayer, who recently won the national amateur billiard championship in Philadelphia, will play a match of 2000 points 15-2 balls at the O'Connell 423 street academy during the week of April 12, with Albert G. Cutler.

Mayer won the amateur championship with such ease as to cause him to think seriously of entering the professional ranks. He did not surprise his friends if he announced his intention of so doing before his coming affair with Cutler.

OLYMPIA A. A. Broad and Bainbridge TONIGHT TONIGHT TONIGHT KID WILLIAMS vs. LOUISIANA Adm. 25c. Bal. Res. 50c. Arena Res. 75c. \$1

TONIGHT—TONIGHT—TONIGHT Quaker City A. A.—26th & Dauphin Sts. WILLIE HOUCK vs. JOHNNIE KROUSE—GOOD BOUTS—4

"FANNING" WITH GRANTLAND RICE

The Duke incarnate Oh, my soul, from star to star, with victory wing, leap on through space; And scold the bastioned nights that bar the secret's inner dwelling place; Or say it ever rains thus glades where palm trees flourish on top of moonlit mountains; Fill like blown feathers through the glades, borne on the breath of sobbing tides; Say any tale of any time, of all the tides that ebb and flow; Shall buoy us on toward any clime; but say—at last—you do not know. —Don Marquis.

Or say that Willard has the swiftness—or say that Johnson looks more fit; Or say the White Hope is a pipe afloat the big Havana skit; Then say at length that Johnson knows the proper way to block and swing; Or say again that Willard's blows are loaded with the deeper sting; Say, all you experts of the page—that age will crush a younger foe; Or say that youth will conquer age—but say—at last—you do not know.

One trouble about doing out this Johnson-Willard fight is that the sporadic Duke intersects itself in so many important places. For example, we have this: No. 1. No champion ever successfully defended his title at Johnson's age.

Willard never whipped a first-class fighter in his life. And so it goes. There are a number of things to prove why either should lose, but not nearly so many to show why either should win.

The Range of the Dope Any line on the big fight is bound to be three-fourths dope. The science of pugilism knows well enough that Johnson is the better fighter—knows far more about boxing—has had 10 times the experience and on strict form should win.

But no living man can say just where Johnson will stand, if at the end of 10 rounds he has been smart to inoculate his opponent with his "dope." When Champ's punches are his buckles fast. The estimated One Hour Shave has nothing on the veteran Glands, after a three-hour shave, broke and scatted a longer time. For example, The Markman, after a longer shave, broke even more quickly. Jim Jeffries was a warrior because until he had fought about five rounds. And so it travels.

After Ten Rounds At the age of 38 Johnson may be able to offer an old-fashioned fight for 10 rounds. But when he starts slipping his descent will be fast and certain. His only chance is to either knock out Willard in 10 or 15 rounds or punish him so badly that little opposition will remain.

But, after all, the big guess is all as to Johnson's condition, and the answer to this will not be returned until the end of the fight. If this be inside stuff, place your own bets.

With Apologies The shades of night were falling fast As up and down the course they passed Loud voices echoing with rage And words with force— "Boybringcanbick!"

From trap to trap I heard the cry— A muttered curse—a smothered sigh— A hoarse and angry sound the tale That ended ever in this wail— "Boybringcanbick!"

FEDS MAY BUY ST. LOUIS NATIONAL LEAGUE CLUB Ban Johnson Holds Conference With Vice President Ball.

Rumors were rife that the St. Louis National League club will be sold to the Federals. The occasion for revival of these reports was a conference held Saturday night between Ban Johnson, as member of the National Commission, and Phil Ball, vice president of the St. Louis Federal League club.

"It was an accidental meeting," said Mr. Johnson. "We discussed things in general, but no business was transacted. The conference was held in a restaurant in St. Louis and while several other persons were present when it opened, Johnson and Ball held most of their conversation in private."

The local National League Club, it is said, has been on the market for nearly a year. It is owned by the late Charles F. Brannan, who has been in the National League Club, has announced, however, that he would return to sell unless his demands as to price were met.

Ball, in accepting the offer of a conference, is quoted as saying: "You may tell Mr. Johnson I will meet him with the understanding that whatever comes of our talk I shall retain my holdings in the Federal League."

PENN FENCER WINS HONORS Intercollegiate team fencing honors for the year go to the representatives of the United States Naval Academy. The team, consisting of Philip T. Glennon, Henry L. White and Charles C. Patrick, won the championship of the year. The individual title was won by Harold Van Buskirk, of the University of Pennsylvania, who lost only one bout out of 15. Dew Horn, of the Naval Academy, took the silver championship after trying with Colin DeV. Heading.

Connell finished second in the team fencing contest with 28 wins and 17 losses. University of Pennsylvania was third with 25-23; Harvard fourth, 20-22; Columbia fifth, 18-27, and Yale sixth, 17-25.

Bob Becher Still Balking LITTLE ROCK, Ark., April 5.—Manager Miller Huggins, of the St. Louis National League team, after a conference yesterday with Bob Becher, who was here with the New York National second team, said he had reached an agreement with Becher, who it recently was announced had been traded by New York to St. Louis for Everett. It is said that his contract with New York provided he would not be sold without his consent.

HUDDON GOLF TOURNAMENT TO BE HELD AT PALISADES

June 23, 24, 25 and 26 Are the Dates for the Affair.

The annual tournament of the Hudson River Golf Association will be held in the metropolitan district this year, the links of the Rockland Country Club, at Palisades, N. Y., having been chosen as the venue. June 23, 24, 25 and 26 are the dates.

W. H. Wetters, of Poughkeepsie, has been elected president of the association, and Newburgh, vice president, and Paul B. Rosier, Saratoga, secretary-treasurer.

Jack Pars has been engaged as professional by the Madison Golf Club and will go to the club and Long Island in two weeks.

The Harvard golf team will not appear in the metropolitan district this year, according to the reports. The team will meet Princeton on April 17 at Princeton, which will be the nearest place to New York it will visit.

Report from California has it that Harry V. Hammett, who has played for 15 years, recently won his first tournament. The competition was at Santa Fe, and Hammett had a handicap of 18 and a net of 74. Patience and tenacity surely worked out well in this case.

The Massachusetts Golf Association has a good circuit of rules and interpretations with a view to bringing about a better understanding of these intricate details. The association has some of the other organizations to promulgate about the need for elucidation.

MAJORITY OF RING MEN FAVOR JACK JOHNSON

JIM JEFFRIES—I believe Willard has an excellent chance. He is much better than many give him credit for being.

BOB FITZSIMMONS—Johnson can win in four or five rounds if he wants to.

TOM BRIDGEMAN—Johnson will have to win early or Willard's youth will count and we'll have a new white champion.

WILLIE RITCHIE—I am pulling for the white man, but I think Johnson knows too much for him.

PHILIP GOVERNOR—If Willard can last 25 rounds he will have an excellent chance.

JIM COBBETT—If Johnson is half as good against Willard as he was against Jeffries he will win.

BATTALION NELSON—Johnson knows too much for Willard.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN—If Willard will stand up and take Johnson a punch in the first 15 rounds I am sure he will be able to beat down the Negro.

YOUNG COBBETT—Johnson is the class and looks to be the winner.

JIMMY BRIT—Johnson should win if he is in any condition at all.

Bowie Entries First race, selling, 2-year-olds, 4 furlongs—Margaret, 101; Rosemary, 102; Active, 103; Little Alta, 104; Petra, 105; Rosewater, 106; Little Clara, 107; Margaret, 108; Dora, 109; Sullivan, 110; Sands Diamond, 111; Dwan, 112; Second race, selling, 3-year-olds, 2 1/2 furlongs—Stubbins, 100; Lady Spirit, 101; 102; 103; 104; 105; 106; 107; 108; 109; 110; 111; 112; 113; 114; 115; 116; 117; 118; 119; 120; 121; 122; 123; 124; 125; 126; 127; 128; 129; 130; 131; 132; 133; 134; 135; 136; 137; 138; 139; 140; 141; 142; 143; 144; 145; 146; 147; 148; 149; 150; 151; 152; 153; 154; 155; 156; 157; 158; 159; 160; 161; 162; 163; 164; 165; 166; 167; 168; 169; 170; 171; 172; 173; 174; 175; 176; 177; 178; 179; 180; 181; 182; 183; 184; 185; 186; 187; 188; 189; 190; 191; 192; 193; 194; 195; 196; 197; 198; 199; 200; 201; 202; 203; 204; 205; 206; 207; 208; 209; 210; 211; 212; 213; 214; 215; 216; 217; 218; 219; 220; 221; 222; 223; 224; 225; 226; 227; 228; 229; 230; 231; 232; 233; 234; 235; 236; 237; 238; 239; 240; 241; 242; 243; 244; 245; 246; 247; 248; 249; 250; 251; 252; 253; 254; 255; 256; 257; 258; 259; 260; 261; 262; 263; 264; 265; 266; 267; 268; 269; 270; 271; 272; 273; 274; 275; 276; 277; 278; 279; 280; 281; 282; 283; 284; 285; 286; 287; 288; 289; 290; 291; 292; 293; 294; 295; 296; 297; 298; 299; 300; 301; 302; 303; 304; 305; 306; 307; 308; 309; 310; 311; 312; 313; 314; 315; 316; 317; 318; 319; 320; 321; 322; 323; 324; 325; 326; 327; 328; 329; 330; 331; 332; 333; 334; 335; 336; 337; 338; 339; 340; 341; 342; 343; 344; 345; 346; 347; 348; 349; 350; 351; 352; 353; 354; 355; 356; 357; 358; 359; 360; 361; 362; 363; 364; 365; 366; 367; 368; 369; 370; 371; 372; 373; 374; 375; 376; 377; 378; 379; 380; 381; 382; 383; 384; 385; 386; 387; 388; 389; 390; 391; 392; 393; 394; 395; 396; 397; 398; 399; 400; 401; 402; 403; 404; 405; 406; 407; 408; 409; 410; 411; 412; 413; 414; 415; 416; 417; 418; 419; 420; 421; 422; 423; 424; 425; 426; 427; 428; 429; 430; 431; 432; 433; 434; 435; 436; 437; 438; 439; 440; 441; 442; 443; 444; 445; 446; 447; 448; 449; 450; 451; 452; 453; 454; 455; 456; 457; 458; 459; 460; 461; 462; 463; 464; 465; 466; 467; 468; 469; 470; 471; 472; 473; 474; 475; 476; 477; 478; 479; 480; 481; 482; 483; 484; 485; 486; 487; 488; 489; 490; 491; 492; 493; 494; 495; 496; 497; 498; 499; 500; 501; 502; 503; 504; 505; 506; 507; 508; 509; 510; 511; 512; 513; 514; 515; 516; 517; 518; 519; 520; 521; 522; 523; 524; 525; 526; 527; 528; 529; 530; 531; 532; 533; 534; 535; 536; 537; 538; 539; 540; 541; 542; 543; 544; 545; 546; 547; 548; 549; 550; 551; 552; 553; 554; 555; 556; 557; 558; 559; 560; 561; 562; 563; 564; 565; 566; 567; 568; 569; 570; 571; 572; 573; 574; 575; 576; 577; 578; 579; 580; 581; 582; 583; 584; 585; 586; 587; 588; 589; 590; 591; 592; 593; 594; 595; 596; 597; 598; 599; 600; 601; 602; 603; 604; 605; 606; 607; 608; 609; 610; 611; 612; 613; 614; 615; 616; 617; 618; 619; 620; 621; 622; 623; 624; 625; 626; 627; 628; 629; 630; 631; 632; 633; 634; 635; 636; 637; 638; 639; 640; 641; 642; 643; 644; 645; 646; 647; 648; 649; 650; 651; 652; 653; 654; 655; 656; 657; 658; 659; 660; 661; 662; 663; 664; 665; 666; 667; 668; 669; 670; 671; 672; 673; 674; 675; 676; 677; 678; 679; 680; 681; 682; 683; 684; 685; 686; 687; 688; 689; 690; 691; 692; 693; 694; 695; 696; 697; 698; 699; 700; 701; 702; 703; 704; 705; 706; 707; 708; 709; 710; 711; 712; 713; 714; 715; 716; 717; 718; 719; 720; 721; 722; 723; 724; 725; 726; 727; 728; 729; 730; 731; 732; 733; 734; 735; 736; 737; 738; 739; 740; 741; 742; 743; 744; 745; 746; 747; 748; 749; 750; 751; 752; 753; 754; 755; 756; 757; 758; 759; 760; 761; 762; 763; 764; 765; 766; 767; 768; 769; 770; 771; 772; 773; 774; 775; 776; 777; 778; 779; 780; 781; 782; 783; 784; 785; 786; 787; 788; 789; 790; 791; 792; 793; 794; 795; 796; 797; 798; 799; 800; 801; 802; 803; 804; 805; 806; 807; 808; 809; 810; 811; 812; 813; 814; 815; 816; 817; 818; 819; 820; 821; 822; 823; 824; 825; 826; 827; 828; 829; 830; 831; 832; 833; 834; 835; 836; 837; 838; 839; 840; 841; 842; 843; 844; 845; 846; 847; 848; 849; 850; 851; 852; 853; 854; 855; 856; 857; 858; 859; 860; 861; 862; 863; 864; 865; 866; 867; 868; 869; 870; 871; 872; 873; 874; 875; 876; 877; 878; 879; 880; 881; 882; 883; 884; 885; 886; 887; 888; 889; 890; 891; 892; 893; 894; 895; 896; 897; 898; 899; 900; 901; 902; 903; 904; 905; 906; 907; 908; 909; 910; 911; 912; 913; 914; 915; 916; 917; 918; 919; 920; 921; 922; 923; 924; 925; 926; 927; 928; 929; 930; 931