

ATHLETICS VS. BROOKLYN—WORK ON PUBLIC GOLF COURSE—MACK'S PENNANT OUTLOOK

BOTH BOSTON TEAMS PICKED TO WIN BASEBALL TITLES

"On Paper," Hub's Prospects Look Best—Better Season for Game Financially, and Better Sport for Fans Is Outlook—Shake-Ups Chief Cause of New Interest

This week it's baseball. The big league seasons open on Wednesday, and the fans, already keyed up by the city series, are awaiting the tap of the gong which sets the 16 teams off in their race pennantward.

Tide of Popularity on the Flood

The principal reason for the revival of interest in the slump of last year. Popularity is like ocean waves. This year the tide will be on the flood. It was decidedly on the ebb last season, as the financial side of the game shows.

Picking the Winners

Connie Mack does not predict a pennant for his team. Clarke Griffith has a monopoly on that spring pastime. But Mack knows his team will be well up in the race. So do others.

Table with 2 columns: American League and National League. Lists teams like Philadelphia, Chicago, Washington, St. Louis, Detroit, New York, Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, St. Louis, Brooklyn, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati.

There is the best chance in the world that Moran's club will beat out the Giants—it is a chance. Also there is a chance that McGraw's rebuilt team will force ahead of the scrappy Boston Braves.

The office lad insists that he did not raise his boy to be a soldier. We believe it. In fact, we are convinced of it. And now, if only his sister Susie would stop sewing shirts for soldiers life would be sweet, since baseball is here again.

It is a little surprising to note the credence given Sam McVeey's yarns about a frame-up in the Johnson-Willard fight. McVeey's ring record gives him very poor standing in the pugilistic world.

Lee Magee Gets Bad Start As Fed Manager. Magee's initial appearance as Brooklyn Federal manager was anything but auspicious. The neophyte leader was chased from the game for attempting to "home" in substitution of players in the line-up that most likely will cost him Saturday's victory.

Brooklyn Celtics Victory over the J. & P. Coats eleven at New Bedford on Saturday in the semifinal round of the National Soccer Cup competition gives them the right to meet Bethlehem in the final. Bethlehem, having reached that stage of the competition by its defeat of Homestead on Easter Monday.

CORNELL FOR ONCE DOESN'T EXPECT TO WIN

Serious Setback in Track Work. Outlook for Penn Meet Here Gloomy. ITHACA, N. Y., April 12.—The Cornell track team on Saturday began its attempt to gain another intercollegiate trophy cup.

RAILROAD ATHLETES FORM ASSOCIATION

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Sloan Wins Trap Prize

Making an aggregate score of 283 out of a possible 300 targets in six matches enabled Sloan, of the Farragut Sportsmen's Association of Camden, to carry off the individual honors of the West Jersey Trapshooters' meeting which ended April 10.

With the exception of Ingersoll, there is now no known man in the sprints, and until the quarter and half milers get out of doors no definite estimate of the resources of the Ithaca in these events can be made, but so far no starting runners have been developed.

BERT NIEHOFF, PHILLIES' SECOND BASEMAN



In the ex-Red, Pat Moran has a fast infielder and a strong batsman. While a little green at the keystone station, Niehoff is rapidly rounding into form and is beginning to move in machine-like precision with his side partner, Bancroft, at short.

CLUB THAT BEATS "A" SURE TO WIN PENNANT, AVERS CONNIE MACK

Athletics' Chief Makes No Predictions, but Has Confidence in Pets—Picks Boston as Probably the Strongest of Opponents.

"The club that beats the Athletics will win the pennant this year," said Connie Mack yesterday in an interview with a reporter of the EVENING LEDGER. "I do not like to make predictions at this stage of the game, but the fans do not want to be apprehensive about the appearance of Baker and Collins," continued the manager.

"In Boston and Crane, two recruits, and Laloe ready to throw into the fray, the Athletics will be well fortified in the infield. "It must be taken into consideration that both Bostock and Crane, playing at second and short, respectively, are making their first appearance in major league baseball, but with a little time in the big game they will fill the shoes of both Baker and Collins.

"Washington has a mighty good club," continued Mack, "and so have the White Sox and Tigers. The Athletics are a well-balanced club.

COLLEGE GOLFERS PREPARE FOR PANAMA-PACIFIC CONTEST

Train Leaves New York June 26 for the Western Jaunt. Preparations for the transcontinental and Pacific Coast tour of the Intercollegiate Golf Association, to carry off the individual honors of the Panama-Pacific Exposition early in July and August, are well under way.

FEDERAL LEAGUE Yesterday's Results

Table with columns: Standing of the Clubs, Today's Schedule and Weather. Lists results for Kansas City, St. Louis, Chicago, Brooklyn, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Buffalo, Newark, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Kansas City.

"FANNING" WITH GRANTLAND RICE

Evolution. (Somewhat in the manner of Langdon Smith.) When you were a busher and I was the same, Back in a Class D league, And side by side in the battle's tide, We fought through a year's fatigue, Or hammered many a three-base hit, Or whirled to a double-play, Our hearts were filled with the game that thrilled And beckoned us on our way. Careless we lived and careless we played, And careless at last we came To the blazing glow of the game's big spell. And the glare and the flare of fame; And loud they cheered as we ruled the field, Young goals of a golden age, Who were born to dwell through a kingly spell. And that seems a million years ago In a time we know not when; And here today, in the same old way, Our eyes are bright and our chests are thick, Our hair is sable as jet, Our years are few—our life is new—Our souls untried—and yet— Our trail extends from the Ft. Wayne field To the soil of the Polo Grounds; We have heard the cheers of a thousand years. That came as a dream rebounds; But our arms are gone and our legs are bad And here in the cast-off cleft, Pushed to the edge of the younging ledge, What is the next shift left?

Still Breathing. The Feds were to blow last August, but according to a hazy, unconfirmed rumor they were still breathing atmosphere as we propelled these precious lines to press.

With something like four managers and three syndicates looking after his "interests," Mr. Willard may consider himself lucky if he breaks even—or finishes up with the original \$15 with which he launched his campaign of White Hopy.

This is one of the several things that prevented us from returning the flattery laurel to the clammy brow of the White Race—without a manager a fighter can't get any matches and with a manager he can't get any money.

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O'BRIEN VS. MOORE AT OLYMPIA TONIGHT

Southwark Hard Hitter Fights ex-Champ's Brother—Clever Bantamweight in Semifinal.

Little Jack O'Brien, brother of the one-time cleverest heavyweight in the world, will make his return appearance for some time, when he tonight answers the gong against Willie Moore, hard-hitting Southwark fighter, at the Olympia A. A. A great bantamweight fight is promised in the semi-final when Barney Schneider, Canadian bantam champion, and Lew Tendler, newboy title holder, clash.

The program follows: First bout—Frankie White, Southwark, vs. Lew Vincent, Southwark. Second bout—Harry Palmer, Pittsburgh, vs. Sammie Clegg, Southwark.

Frank Foley, who has returned to the boxing game as manager of Willie Houck, of Mt. Airy, wants to match his protegee with Jack Welling, of Chicago. The latter is heralded as a coming lightweight champion. He is under the management of Larry Lichtenstein, adviser of Jimmy Clabby. Houck's first fight under Foley was his 22-second knockout victory over Charley Turner.

Billy McCorney, who handed out some pretty good dope previous to the Jack Johnson-Jess Willard fight, says the former champion's declaration that he will not fight again is all bunk. McCorney says Johnson is signed up for a battle with any heavyweight Peggy Battinson, of London, may select for him.

Carl Morris, originator of the now demolished White Hope division, has been offered two dates in London with Frank Moran and Bombardier Wells, according to McCorney. Bill also says Mike Gibbons and Georges Carpentier, the Frenchman, may box in London in the near future.

A report comes flitting Philadelphiaward from Chicago to the effect that Jack Hennessy, a stockyard heavyweight, 6 feet 5 inches, wants a crack at Jess Willard. Promoter Billy Nusbickel and Matchmaker Billy Walsh are planning another elimination amateur tournament at the Quaker City Athletic Association Friday night. The following week Jackie Clark may meet the best welterweight available.

Eddie Reveiro has two bouts on this week. He meets Jack McCarron at the Palace Athletic Club, of Norristown, tomorrow night, and on Thursday night the 18th Warder is scheduled for a go with Jackie Clark at Allentown.

Since suffering his knockout at the left hand of Charley White, Sam Robideau will make his first appearance in the ring when he tackles Walter Mohr, of Brooklyn, in a 12-round encounter at Bridgeport, Conn., April 22.

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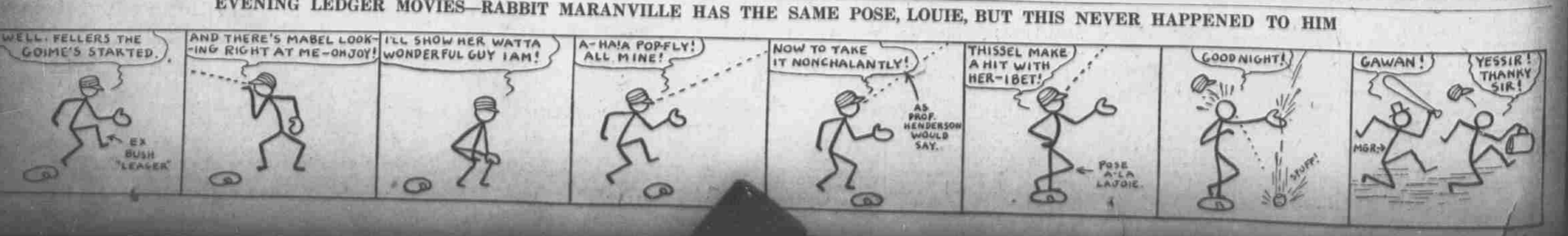
MATTISON AND JACOBS FARMED OUT BY MORAN

Phillies Cut Squad to 21 Players. Bud Weiser Retained. Manager Moran, of the Phillies, has made his team selection for the year, cutting the roster to the 21 limit. He will carry seven pitchers, three catchers, five outfielders and six infielders. They are: Pitchers—Denmore, Baumgartner and Rizzo; Catchers—Killefer, Burns and Adams; Infielders—Luders, Niehoff, Bancroft, Byers, Stock and Dugue; Outfielders—Beard, Whitted, Cravath, Passer and Weiser.

Moran will place Pitchers Mattison and Jacobs, Catcher East and Infielder Fletcher within a few days. Catcher O'Conner and Infielders Fred and Harry will have already been disposed of. A string is tied to most of them.

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EVENING LEDGER MOVIES—RABBIT MARANVILLE HAS THE SAME POSE, LOUIE, BUT THIS NEVER HAPPENED TO HIM