

ATHLETICS AND RED SOX TODAY-PENNOCK'S GREAT WORK-PHILLIES VS. BOSTON BRAVES

RUDE MR. HOOPER SHATTERS A PITCHER'S PET DREAM

Pennock's Work Against Red Sox Notable in Baseball Annals-Case of Pastorius Recalled-Murphy Was Once Third Baseman-Baker's Probable Return.

A pitcher's dream was shattered when a nasty little bounder escaped Lajoie's grasp and permitted Harry Hooper to reach first safely, after two men had been retired in the ninth inning of the opening game here of the 1915 American League season.

Hooper, a left-handed hitter, was at the bat and the crowd was preparing an ovation for the youngster, who was to carve his name in the hall of fame, when Hooper tapped a slow bounder through the box.

The ball took a nasty hop and Lajoie made one desperate attempt to field the ball with his bare hand to make a hurried play, because Hooper is too fast a man to catch without a perfect play on such a hit.

Lajoie Takes Blame for Pennock's Misfortune

Almost everybody in Shibe Park shouted to the scorers' box asking that the play be scored an error, but this was impossible, as much as the scorers were rooting for Pennock to perform what is generally called "the pitcher's dream."

After the game stout of the Athletics, anxious to see Pennock gain a place in the baseball "hall of fame," insisted that the play should have been scored an error, and Lajoie himself said that it should not be counted a hit.

"I could have got Hooper if I had fielded the ball cleanly," said Lajoie. "I know Hooper is a fast man, but I had the play timed right and he would have been out by a step. I should receive an error and Pennock should be credited with a no-hit game."

Case of George Pastorius Recalled

The misfortune to Pennock recalls to mind a game played at the Phillies' park in 1909, when George Pastorius, a southpaw pitcher, of Brooklyn, who had never been rated very highly, gave a remarkable exhibition against the Phillies for eight and two-thirds innings.

In this game not a player reached first base until "Doc" Martel, a third-string catcher, of the Phillies, was sent in to bat for Law Riebig, with two men out. Martel swung on the first ball pitched and drove it down to the clubhouse for three bases. The next batter was retired, and the only man to reach first base was the pinch hitter.

When the players reached the clubhouse, instead of praising Martel, his teammates roundly scored him for not deliberately striking out, and yet there is hardly a player in the game who would not have tried to hit the ball. That is why baseball is above reproach. Martel said afterward that he was sorry to have made the hit, but that he simply had to try.

Breaks of Game With the Athletics

Even with Pennock pitching such remarkable ball, it must be admitted that the victory of the Athletics was really a lucky one. Both the rallies were made without hitting a ball out of the infield. Any time runs come that easily, a club must be favored with the breaks of luck.

Ernie Shore, rated as one of the best young pitchers in the country, fulfilled Carrigan's prediction that he would be a hard man for the champions to beat and had the Mackmen guessing throughout. Manager Carrigan also contends that Ruth and Carl Mays, his two recruits from Providence, have shown just as well as Shore this spring.

In the international league last season Mays was considered a better twirler than Shore, but the latter's work in the closing weeks of the 1914 season in the American League gave him the preference over Mays and Ruth this spring.

Eddie Murphy Originally a Third Baseman

The final selection of Eddie Murphy yesterday to fill Frank Baker's position at third was ridiculed by many fans, but Manager Mack knew that Murphy could take care of the position. Eddie Murphy was brought here from Baltimore as an outfielder, but his original position was third base. Murphy played third base at Scranton, and was to have played the same position at Baltimore until Fritz Maisel, now with the Yankees, won that post in the spring training season of 1912.

Return of Frank Baker Seems Assured

Eddie Murphy will be played again this afternoon at third base—that is, if Frank Baker does not get into harness by that time. Murphy played the third station in good style yesterday, but the fans and even the reticent Connie Mack were delighted to see the "Trappe terror" in his new white uniform this afternoon.

There is not much doubt now but that Baker will be back, otherwise he would never have allowed himself to be led around Shibe Park yesterday by Ira Thomas.

Furthermore, when the contest was over, Baker walked up the stairs to Mack's private office, and it was noticed by several belated home-owners that Mack followed his third sacker up to his sanctum. That is taken to mean that the end of Baker's holding-out is here and that it will be only a question of days before the long-distance cloutier is among his own once more.

Undoubtedly, Baker's presence on the Athletics' payroll will make a difference in the work of the club—offensively. While it is certain that either Eddie Murphy or Rube Oldring could be drilled into a felder to surpass Baker, drawing either of them from the outfield would mean filling in with a weaker hitter. Baker is in fine shape at the present time and he is ready to go in and take his stand at third or at the bat at a moment's notice.

One of the questions which fans are asking themselves is: Why has Baker come back if he said he was through with baseball? The idea is that Baker believed that Connie Mack would coax him back with an increase in salary. Mack said he would not give Baker a penny more than his contract called for and that he would not make any impromptu deals to his erstwhile star. Baker remarked yesterday that he would be willing to come back if he were asked to do so. He well knew that Mack would not ask him, but he probably realized that some one else would. And he was right. Baker had scarcely set foot in Shibe Park when he was corralled by Ira Thomas. The matter is said to be settled.



IT IS TO SMILE

"HOW I WON WORLD'S CHAMPIONSHIP," TOLD BY WILLARD HIMSELF

Cowboy Saw His First Fight, Then Resolved to Whip Johnson—Jeered at by Spectators When He Started to Train for Ring

ARTICLE III. By JESS WILLARD

Champion Heavyweight of the World Some of the story-tellers are inclined to stretch yarns about me out to a ridiculous extent. One of them said once that I whipped a big fellow who won me \$20 because he wouldn't pay it, and after he had given me a check for the amount I beat him into town by running faster than his horse could draw the wagon.

As I already have told you I could give you some good ones, but I don't remember that I ever pitted my legs against those of a horse. I think too much of my own strength to do that. The first man who ever paid any attention to me in a serious way was an old fighter named Clarence Hughes, now of Oklahoma City. That was soon after the affair at Reno between Johnson and Zerkow, when the whole country was wrapped with the "White Hope" craze, now happily wiped out by the affair at Havana. I confess right here that I was fired with an ambition such as I never had before. I pictured myself as the next candidate for the title held by Johnson.

Well, I was lost in admiration at his speed and skill until boys showed me and I got my mind then. The following February, saying I needed the training, one of the boys scoffed at this and said that the more I trained the worse I looked. That night I was in my room and I thought about it. I was going to do it. I was going to hit the ring. I was going to win the title. I was going to be a champion. I was going to be a champion. I was going to be a champion.

It was a long time before I was able to do anything. I was going to do it. I was going to hit the ring. I was going to win the title. I was going to be a champion. I was going to be a champion. I was going to be a champion.

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COUNTRY CLUB TENNIS TEAM IS SELECTED FOR WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT

Mrs. Gilbert A. Harvey Wins First Place and Receives Silver Cup From Club—Miss Phyllis Walsh in Second Position

The final matches of the Round Robin tournament held at the Philadelphia Country Club were played off yesterday afternoon before an interested group of spectators.

Mrs. Gilbert A. Harvey easily won first place and was presented by the club with a silver cup. Second place was closely contested by Miss Phyllis Walsh and Miss Sophie R. Norris, Miss Walsh finally defeating her opponent. She, too, was presented with a silver cup.

The first team consists of Mrs. Harvey, Miss Walsh, Miss Norris, Miss Sarah A. Baker and Mrs. S. Pemberton Hutchinson. On the second team are Mrs. Thomas L. Sliwyn, Miss Liza H. Schulz, Jr., Mrs. Charles S. Baum, Mrs. Howard W. Lewis and Mrs. William M. Stewart, Jr.

The dates for the interclub matches are as follows: May 11, Philadelphia Country Club vs. Philadelphia Cricket Club, at St. Martin's; May 12, Germantown Cricket Club vs. Philadelphia Country Club, at Bala; May 18, Philadelphia Country Club vs. Germantown Cricket Club, at Manheim; May 21, Germantown Cricket Club vs. Philadelphia Country Club, at St. Martin's; May 25, Philadelphia Country Club vs. Germantown Cricket Club, at Manheim; May 28, Philadelphia Country Club vs. Philadelphia Cricket Club, at Bala.

PENN CHARTER STAFF OF HURLERS WEAK

Coach Merritt, However, Rounding Team Into Shape—Track Work at Radnor.

Although Penn Charter's baseball team suffered defeat at the hands of Friends' Central in the opening intramural league match of the season last week, Coach Merritt, of the Little Quakers, believes he has the boys playing together, after the last week of strenuous practice. Merritt is of the opinion that Penn Charter will make through the remainder of the league's schedule and romp home with the championship.

While the infield and outer garden men have been showing up well, Coach Merritt's difficulty has been in developing a good pitching staff and a backstop or two. Brown's work behind the bat the last few days has greatly encouraged Merritt and he has been working diligently with several club aspirants, whom he is trying out to assist Captain Guyer on the hill.

Tomorrow afternoon, the Charter Pastimers will meet Episcopal Academy in the second match of the league series at Queen Lane. Merritt will start Guyer and Brown as his battery, but he will send in a relief twirler in about the fifth inning.

The loss of Alfred Smalley to the Central High School track team will be felt by the crimson and gold team this season. He is one of the finest sprinters in local scholastic ranks and also a crack running broad jumper. Smalley's reason for retiring for the season is because of his scholastic conditions. It is probable he will get back into competition as soon as he reaches the required mark in his studies.

Track practice is the biggest sport at Radnor High School just now. Hunt and Corney are being tried as nucleus for a relay team. The latter is an all-round track and field star. He is a good man in the sprint, distance events and also field numbers.

Northeast High School's baseball players proved conclusively in their contest with Catholic High School that the red and black batmen are getting their eyes on the pellet. Bishop Landberg, Silverman and Wilson cast bugged out a brace of bingles. Keller again twirled a corking game, allowing the purple and gold willow widders only four hits.

FANNING WITH GRANTLAND RICE advertisement featuring a picture of Grantland Rice and a fan.

Lines to a Box Score. Beyond the money lost—the cry for late. Beyond injunctions—squabbles—court fees. Beyond all money other things for sale. Involving legal sneers that reek with cheese.

With the start of another campaign the fight for the future of baseball is now up to the ballplayer. There must be something more than a complete end to all the least appealing court business and talk of high finance. There must be an earnest effort on the part of the player to show that he is in the game for something more than his salary.

The one remaining master stroke for Mr. Jones to launch is to raise upon his hind legs and advise all interested in Mr. Willard's straitjacket future to go to Grandold Gehenna.

Cobb and the 1915 Campaign. No other man ever led his league at bat over four years in succession. Cobb has led the American League parade eight seasons without a slip. He is now on his way to a ninth successive conquest. But whether he arrives or fails by the wayside it is something to know that one has doubled any previous mark set up in 45 years of spirited endeavor.

At that, the Standing of the Clubs looks a trifle better in print than the glaring headline. "Magnates take case to court, asking injunction."

All my players, says Wilbert Robinson, want to talk golf in place of baseball. Who knows—maybe Robby has a golf team in place of a baseball club, the distinction is growing narrower year by year.

Louisi and Taylor to Box. Matchmaker Jack Hanlon, of the Olympia A. A., has substituted Louisiana and Jimmy Taylor, of New York, to substitute in the windy Monday night for Eddie O'Keefe and George Chaney.

Chaney Unable to Meet O'Keefe Because of Illness. Matchmaker Jack Hanlon, of the Olympia A. A., has substituted Louisiana and Jimmy Taylor, of New York, to substitute in the windy Monday night for Eddie O'Keefe and George Chaney.

The New Genius. The game in general has produced many geniuses, but few beyond the calibre of Mr. Thomas Jones, manager of Mr. Jess Willard, of Kansas.

WHAT MAY HAPPEN TODAY IN THREE BASEBALL LEAGUES

Table showing standings for American League, National League, and Federal League with columns for Today's Standing, W, L, and Pct.

ATHLETICS' PITCHERS GREAT, SAYS THOMAS

Youngsters Will Surprise the Circuit, Declares Coach. Generally Underrated, But Strong.

"Our pitchers this year are going to go far better than most people think. I can see a bright future for them even this season, in spite of their youth."

These remarks were made this morning by Ira Thomas when talking over the opening game of the season in which Pennock hurled such mastery ball.

Continuing, the Athletics' pitching coach said: "You see that our pitchers haven't the reputation that come on other clubs have. But I say right here that we will benefit by it. They are in great shape and they are going to pitch winning ball for us. They will be winning games for us while they are building up their reputations instead of going along with a lot of veterans and not doing much until they have reached the top of their careers."

"What you saw Pennock do yesterday I don't mean by that that every man is going to come as near to pitching a perfect game as Herb did, but I do mean that all of them are in fine condition, physically, and that they are capable of pitching winning ball, and when they do that, they are doing all that can be done."

"I hated to see Hooper get that hit off Herb, because he deserved to get his no-hit game. Still it was one of those things that could not be helped. I think that Larry played the ball well and that he could not have gotten Hooper at first and I imagined he was doing fine. It was with difficulty that I could get straight across was shown to me and I claved out with my punches like the rawest amateur, something with the notion that a girl uses in throwing a baseball. It was a joke, the way I fought, but you couldn't have made me think so. I thought I was immense. Then came the night of my first fight and I was as nervous as a cat. There was a great throng to see me, which didn't do me a bit of good, either."

BAKER LEAVES TOWN STILL UNDECIDED

Ira Thomas, After Long Conference, Unable to Learn Athletics' Star's Intentions.

The J. Franklin Baker-Athletics situation did not change during the night. An hour after the game yesterday Baker left Ira Thomas with whom he had been all afternoon, taking the train for Baltimore.

Thomas said this morning that he had talked with Baker long and wide yesterday about coming back to the Athletics, but stated that the third baseman did not make a definite answer.

"Yes, I had a long talk with Baker before, during and after the game yesterday," said Thomas, "but I could not tell just how he felt about the matter. I could not say one way or the other positively what Baker is going to do. All I know is that I did my best to make him see the thing in the right way, and I may have had some effect. I saw in the papers this morning that Baker and Connie had reached some kind of an agreement. I know nothing about that, as I have not talked with Connie since I saw Baker yesterday afternoon."

Manager Mack himself says that he had a final chat with Baker before the latter left the city last night. But Connie, like Ira Thomas, was not willing to say definitely that Baker would be back, although he did not deny that he would be glad to have him on the club again to assist the Athletics in their pennant race this season.

McCutcheon, Cornell Track Head. PHILADELPHIA, April 15.—Charles Wintner, Philadelphia, captain of the Cornell track team, called Kenneth C. McCutcheon, of Philadelphia, to Philadelphia to see McCutcheon, who is now called for to succeed the late Oliver A. Reiter, resigned, as track coach of the Cornell University team this year. He also played football.

Ex-Wrestling Champion Dies. CINCINNATI, April 15.—Charles Wintner, for many years the undisputed champion heavy-weight wrestler at the Greco-Roman style, died at his home here yesterday. He had been ill for several months, and passed away while the physicians were preparing to operate on him. He was 55 years of age.

WILLARD SUES FILM CONCERN FOR \$100,000 DAMAGES

Champion Asks for Accounting on Movie Agreement. Heavyweight Champion Jess Willard, through his attorney, entered in the county clerk's office a summons and complaint in a suit against the Universal Film Manufacturing Company for \$100,000 damages and an accounting.

Willard alleged that on January 1 last or thereabouts he entered into an agreement with the defendants for the production by them of a moving picture film entitled "Jess Willard in the Heart Punch," and says that the defendants agreed to manufacture the film at their own cost, to bill and book it, to pay him a certain amount for each film rented, 25 per cent of receipts for rentals and to render him weekly accountings.

WILSON, STAR YALE DIVER, TO COMPETE AGAINST PENN

Now at Columbia, Will Enter Contest Saturday. NEW YORK, April 15.—A little surprise that Columbia had planned for Pennsylvania when the pair meet at Princeton tomorrow, but the intercollegiate swimming league championship was revealed yesterday, when Alice Wilson, star diver of Yale in 1912, appeared in the Moricazgo Heights tanks for practice.

When the Quaker team defeated Yale two weeks ago Wilson resolved to get even. He dropped his law books at Columbia and volunteered to dive for Coach Kennedy. He has been practicing severely ever since, and is now in splendid form.

Princeton Elects Team Captain. PRINCETON, N. J., April 15.—The three upper classes have elected the assistant manager for next year's Princeton football and track team. Alvin Heller, of Queensborough, New York, was chosen for track, while C. W. Douglas, of Seattle, Wash., received the baseball election. H. R. Hobbins, of Detroit, Spix, and W. D. Vandine, Jr., of Milwaukee, Wis., were second in the balloting, and were therefore chosen to manage the 1916 freshman football and track teams, respectively. All are members of the sophomore class.

EVENING LEDGER MOVIES—IT WAS A BRAND NEW BASEBALL, ALL RIGHT, BUT HERB PENNOCK WORKED IT TO A FINISH

