

STAR ATHLETES OF NATION COMPETE IN PENN RELAYS THIS WEEK—SCHOLASTIC SPORTS

PHILLIES' VICTORIES NO FLASH IN THE PAN; PITCHING QUESTION

Manager Moran, Jubilant, Needs Only Two Pitchers to Keep Team in Pennant Race—Athletics' Hurlers Have Lost Both Games—Penn Victim of Lax Swimming Rules.

The first week of the baseball season has passed with but few surprises. It might be said the three straight victories of the Phillies were unexpected, but considering conditions it is really not surprising.

With Alexander pitching, the Phillies have better than an even chance with any club that was ever constructed. The big Nebraskan is almost unbeatable when he is right, and the Phillies always did play like a different team when he was on the mound.

Rahn caused the postponement of the Phillies' third game in Boston and enabled Moran to come back with Alexander in the opener in New York with the Phillies' stats still clean. This does not imply that the Phillies would have been beaten in the final game at Boston, but the chances were against them with any one but Alexander or Mayer pitching.

Two pitchers like these are a great asset to any club, and the discovery of two men who can work steadily and turn in victories in 50 per cent. of their starts will make the Phillies a serious pennant contender.

Phillies Like Boston Last Year

Boston last year looked like a poor ball club until three pitchers started to show form at the same time and held up their end for the season. The Phillies are in the same position today, only a trifle better off than the Braves, because the local team possesses more clean-up hitters than Stallings had last season.

Winning 50 per cent. of the games pitched seems like an easy matter, but aside from pennant winning clubs or, perhaps, a class runner up, it is a rare occurrence for another to have three pitchers who do this well. At present there does not appear to be another member of the Phillies' staff capable of doing this, unless Rixey or Demaree return to the form shown two years ago, and that is doubtful.

Moran's One Need in Race for Pennant

Manager Moran returned to this city Saturday night after the game in New York. He was in a very merry humor. He said this was not due so much to the winning of the games, but to the manner in which it was done. The fight, battling, nobility and common sense displayed by the entire club has caused Moran to believe that it is no flash in the pan.

Moran agrees thoroughly with the writer in regard to the pitching. "Give me two more pitchers who can break even to help out 'Alex' and Mayer and the fans will receive the surprise of their lives," he said. "I think I will have two more pitchers who can hit the 500 mark, and that is all I can ask. I do not figure on any pennant. That is too far away and too much to think about, but every club that beats us will know they have been in a ball game. We will have the best team the Phillies have had in years before the year is over. Just remember that."

Moran is evidently more sanguine than he cares to admit. It would be rather foolish for him to be too bold in his predictions. He undoubtedly is remembering some predictions made in the past.

Athletics' Pitchers Have Failed to Make Good

Miserable pitching has caused the Athletics to drop two of the four games played so far and to get a tie in the fourth. Shawkey and Demock both pitched brilliantly, but Bush, Wyckoff and Bressler have given weird exhibitions. Lack of control has been the main fault, as none of them was hit hard when they managed to get the ball over the plate.

Plenty of morning practice probably will bring about an improvement in the control. Overconfidence carried almost to the extent of exaggerated ego has been the cause of the miserable twisting, and it is safe to say that Mack will soon call a halt. In the first game against the Highlanders, the Athletics were shown up badly, and it was largely because of the pitching. Bressler permitted the base runners to take large leads and showed a disregard for signals that is likely to result in the crippling of still another catcher.

On the whole, the Highlanders looked like a much better ball club than the fans expected to see. There is plenty of ginger and a much better spirit than they have shown in the past. McHale's pitching was first class and, gaining an early lead, New York had an easy time.

The fans roared the Athletics unmercifully in the closing innings of the game, and it was an injustice, because no ball club could have shown to advantage with pitchers going as Wyckoff and Bressler were. Twelve bases on balls and three hit batsmen tell the story.

One of the greatest ball players the game has ever produced died in San Francisco a few days ago with not a note in local papers. That was because his skin was black and he was therefore barred from the major leagues. But George Munroe, who was a victim of tuberculosis, was known to John McGraw as a combination of Wagner and LaJoie. He was easily the greatest colored player of all time, and there have been some wonders if one stops to remember that Williams, Grant, Hill, Peteway, Foster and Mendez were colored.

Pitchers Responsible For Base Thefts Saturday

There are, no doubt, many fans in Philadelphia today who believe that Jack Lapp was responsible for the stolen bases Saturday. The New York Yankees had 11 pilfers to their credit during the nine rounds of play. Of these, Fritz Maisel had four.

In the ninth inning Maisel stole second, third and home cleanly. Those who understand the game realize that no catcher in the world could have prevented those stolen bases. Yet Lapp will be unjustly criticized by some.

All of the blame should be worked for the Athletics permitted the base runners to get such a big lead that they had no trouble in stealing, even though the majority of Lapp's throws were perfect. When Harper was in the box in the eighth, he insisted on winding up so deliberately that Maisel could have almost walked from one base to the other.

Too often it happens that the catcher is blamed for the stolen bases when the pitchers are at fault.

Charley Dooin writes that the Cincinnati pitching staff is the best he has ever handled in his long career. This means something if Dooin is not overestimating the men, as he had a wonderful staff in Alexander, Seaton, Mayer, Brennan, Rixey and Chalmers in 1913. Failure to keep in condition ruined that staff, with two exceptions.

Ed Walsh is now the surviving member of the famous White Sox of 1906, and "Big Ed" is about to pass from the majors if reports from the West are true. Sullivan's release to Minneapolis leaves Walsh alone. This is one of the startling illustrations of how short is the life of a ball player. The oldest member of the Phillies in point of service is Luderus, and he did not join the team until 1910. Luderus, Paikert and Moran are the only Quakers who were with the team when it trained in Birmingham in 1911.

Penn Out of Running; No Pitchers

The fatal weakness of Pennsylvania's baseball team continues to be the lack of a pitching staff that can measure up to the other departments. It is true that this weakness was aggravated in the Yale game on Saturday by the poor fielding of Kane, second base, and Mann at third, but for the most part the fielding and hitting have been fairly strong. The showing of the Quaker nine is unprecedented. Of the six games played to date Pennsylvania has won but a single contest, that with Cornell, and atrocious fielding by the Ithacans had much to do with this result.

There was a good bit of surprise on Saturday when Coach Thomas selected Wisner to start the game against the heavy-hitting Yale, particularly since Wisner has been such a disappointment this year. Wisner has been started more often than any other man on the Quaker pitching staff and has had to retire as regularly. Spielman rescued him in the Cornell game and won it. Because of his steadiness it was thought that Spielman would be started against Yale. When he did go to Wisner's relief, Yale had the game won, yet from that time on the Ellis earned only a single tally, and Spielman held his own with both Underwood and Way, the stars of the Yale nine. Spielman has no great speed, but he has what few college pitchers possess—control and coolness. Coach Thomas may nurse some of his best pitchers into winning form, but Spielman looks like the most dependable of the lot, and one likely to hold his own fairly well with the best in the East.

With either Underwood or Way doing the pitching Yale will have a wonderful nine and one that promises to be the best in the East. Underwood had a tendency to be wild, but he had a good curve, and he had the unmatchable fielded well behind him. Way is already a topnotcher and probably the speediest pitcher in college ranks. But there were two men on the Yale team who right now are stars of the first magnitude. They are Bently at third base and Legore at shortstop. Neither man would be out of place in the professional ranks. Some of the stops and throws made by Legore were such as are rarely seen on a college diamond.

Swimming Rules Lax; Penn Suffers

The Intercollegiate Swimming Association can blame its lack of a sensible organization and its failure to adopt a set of proper eligibility rules for the second triple tie that now exists in swimming. The victory of Columbia on Saturday night over Pennsylvania makes the fight a triple tie once more among these colleges and Yale.

The Columbia team that beat the Quakers was probably within the eligibility rules of the league, but Wilson—the former Yale star, now at Columbia—could not have qualified under the rules which govern sports at Pennsylvania and Yale. Both would have been barred him because he is a college graduate. Columbia did not use him against Yale, for undoubtedly he would not have competed against his alma mater. But on account of Columbia's own laxity in the matter of eligibility rules he was permitted to compete against Pennsylvania. In other words, Columbia took advantage of a situation that would not have been permitted at Pennsylvania and thereby prevented the Quakers, the strongest bona fide team in the league, from winning the championship.

There is also a story to the effect that the story of Wilson by Columbia was the direct outgrowth of the bitter feeling which cropped out over Pennsylvania's protest of the first Columbia meet. It was reported that Wilson, after Pennsylvania had beaten Yale a second time, was persuaded to compete as much to avenge Yale's defeat as to help Columbia. It matters not how much truth there is in this charge, which, however, comes from New York, the fact remains that the Intercollegiate Swimming Association rules need a thorough overhauling. There are three specific rules which ought to be passed:

- (1) Freshmen should be barred from intercollegiate competition.
  - (2) Graduate students with degrees should not be allowed to compete.
  - (3) Every member should meet every other member twice each season, once in each tank.
- And then for good measure the association should relax its rule demanding that a college to try for the swimming championship should also promote water polo.

TRACK AND FIELD STARS OF NATION FOR PENN RELAYS THIS WEEK



MAURICE JAMES OF NORTHWESTERN UNIV.



MIKE DORIZAS OF PENN.



JOHNSTONE OF HARVARD.

NORDELL OF DARTMOUTH



SCOTT DEWEY OF CARLISLE



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NORTHEAST HIGH NINE LOOKS LIKE WINNER

Snappy Club May Carry Off Honors This Season—Central High Tennis.

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Club	W.	L.	P.C.L.
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Southern High School	1	1	950
Central High School	0	1	900

Northeast High School is continuing its winning form in athletic competition, and present indications point to another championship for the Red and Black institution. Since winning the football honors of the Scholastic League, the 8th street and Lehigh avenue boys have annexed the season's soccer and basketball titles.

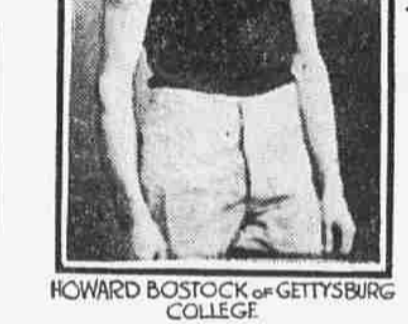
Now Northeast is making a bid for the baseball supremacy in the Scholastic League campaign, and to date the Red and Black has a perfect percentage. This afternoon the baseball bunch, captained by Paul Webb, who also led the winning gridiron aggregation, will play its third league match with Southern High School at 29th and Cambria streets.

Kellar and Barker are displaying corking form in the box for Northeast High School and the brace of boxmen may help materially in bringing the baseball laurels to Eighth street and Lehigh avenue. Dougherty is a third twirler. Captain Webb may fall back on. He proved his worth as a moundsman against Villa Nova Prep Saturday afternoon, when he shut out the opposition with a total of but four hits.

That the Central High School track team has been greatly weakened by the inability of some of its star performers was proved Saturday afternoon at Pottstown, when Hill School defeated the Crimson and Gold in a dual meet, 52 to 47. Everett Smalley, who succeeded his brother, Alfred, to the captaincy of Central High, following the latter's resignation, capturing three first places, viz.: Broad Jump, 120-yard high hurdles and 220-yard low hurdles.

Temple University received a bad trouncing from the bats of Ursinus College in the former's opening match. The Templeites were let down without a hit by Pitcher Sturgert, while Erle was hampered for a total of 13 singles, which netted 10 runs for Ursinus.

Thomas, Frankel and Sheffe were stars in Southern High School's overtime victory over Girard College Saturday afternoon, when the Red and Black won, 4 to 2, after 11 innings of close playing.



HOWARD BOSTOCK OF GETTYSBURG COLLEGE

INJURY TO EVERS ADDS TO WOES OF BOSTON BRAVES

James, Tyler and Red Smith Far From Being "Right."

Johnny Evers, captain of the Braves and generally credited with being the brains of the world's champions' infield, has gone to his home in Troy, N. Y., with a badly sprained ankle, and it is doubtful if he will be able to return to the game for at least two weeks. Evers' injury is likely to handicap the Braves more than his absence did last season, because the confidence of the team has been shaken by the manner the Phillies waded through them.

Stallings has a fine substitute in Eddie Fitzpatrick, purchased from Toronto early this spring, but there is a vast difference between a first-class minor leaguer and an Evers.

With "Red" Smith's leg in bad shape, Bill James still far from being right, George Tyler with a lame shoulder and Evers out of the game, Boston will have a hard time getting off to a lead, as Stallings had predicted.

RACES TODAY AT HAVRE DE GRACE

Six Races Daily—including a steeplechase. Special Trains—Penna. R. R. leave Broad St. 12:34 p. m. West Phila. 12:38 p. m.; B. & O. leave 24th and Chestnut Sts. 12:45 p. m. Admission, Grandstand and Paddock, \$1.00. Ladies, \$1.00. First Race at 2:30 p. m.

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Reich will have his final chance to make a bid for the heavyweight championship when he meets the mottoman. If he succeeds in clipping Coffey on the chin he will be in line for a bout with Willard, because right now the Dublin strong man is regarded as the real challenger.

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