

CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS AT PENN TODAY—PHILS PLAY BRAVES—ATHLETICS VS. RED SOX

PHILLIES' PEPPERY ONSLAUGHT CRUSHES SPIRIT OF BRAVES

Once Gamest Baseball Team in the League Loses Old Fire in Battle of Gameness—Rixey's Pitching Another Step Pennward—Secret of Athletics' Weakness.

Manager Moran continues to give surprise parties to the fans. When he sent Eppa Rixey out to face the Braves in the second game of the series yesterday there was scarcely a fan in the park who believed that the Phillies had a chance to win.

Rixey Able to Stand the Gaff

In the first game the Braves were plainly overconfident. Yesterday they started out in the same manner, and held the Phillies by far too cheaply. But before the game was over they were playing desperate baseball.

Manager Moran Experiments With Pitchers

That one victory will mean much to Rixey. He will have more confidence in his start, and may come through for the remainder of the season as Manager Moran has predicted.

Attack of Phillies Still Powerful

The attack of the Phillies was not so noticeable as on opening day, but one must remember that they were facing the crack left-handed pitcher.

Braves Lack Old-time Fighting Spirit

Just a word about the attitude of the Braves. Last season that club fought for every inch, and was fighting until the ball game was over.

Athletics Have Failed on the Bases

The Phillies have played eight games and won eight. The Athletics have also played eight. The Mackmen won two, tied one and lost five.

Record of Phils and Athletics Compared

All told, the Phillies have made 67 hits and scored 41 runs, an average of 8 and 5/8 hits per game and 5 runs. The Athletics made 79 hits in their first eight games and scored 39 runs.

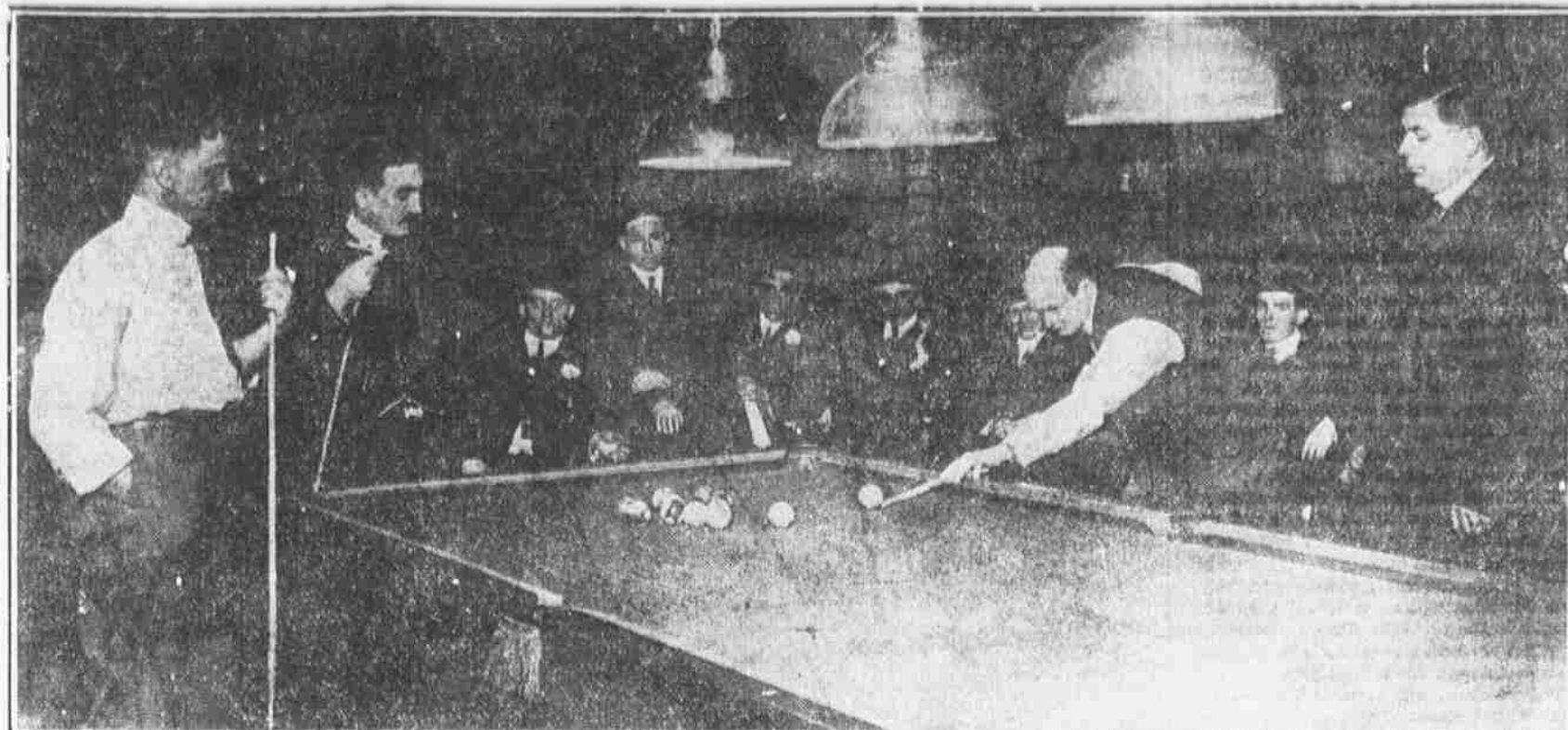
Mackmen Have Made Poor Showing

Not only does a comparison of the Athletics' figures with the Phillies show that the Mackmen are in a bad light, but to compare with the team they have met on the field in their own league is equally discouraging.

Phils Gain Favor Abroad; Chalmers Praised

Baseball critics abroad are beginning to think well of the Philadelphia team. Here is what Joe Villa, of the New York Evening Sun, has to say.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP POCKET BILLIARD MATCH WON BY McCOY



The match was held last night at Regent Academy, 1209 Market street, the Ohioan defeating the Pennsylvania champion. From left to right, the picture shows Morris Fink, Pennsylvania titleholder; A. Bell, referee; James McCoy, Ohio champion, and Frank Jones, announcer.

ROBIDEAU VS. THOMAS AT NATIONAL TONIGHT

Local Fighter Faces Hard Task With New Yorker—Olympia's Card for Monday.

Sam Robideau will tackle a tough proposition when he collides with Al Thomas, a New York lightside, who makes his debut in this city at the National A. C. tonight.

The program follows: First bout—Johnny Murray, United States heavyweight, Connecticut, vs. Tommy Smith, Southern, New York.

Advertisement for Fanning and Grantland Rice, featuring a graphic of a fan and the text 'FANNING WITH GRANTLAND RICE'.

Both National and American League races are now well under way, but how much does it all mean? Or rather, how much of what has happened can we take seriously, and how much is the usual preliminary flutter before what is known as Class begins to tell?

Leading Back to This We still recall vividly how two years ago the Phillies and Dodgers not only jumped to the front, but stayed there for six or seven weeks.

Then the usual happened, and one finished second and the other sixth or seventh. That same year found the White Sox leading into June. They finished about fifth. Last year Detroit whizzed merrily to the front for several weeks.

Also the Reds around the middle of June were in second place, making a noise like the flapping of an October flag. Six weeks later found their pennant performance faded with old McGinty of blessed melodious memory.

The Present Campaign The present campaign is different in this respect. Heretofore one could usually pick out one or two clubs as comprising the class, and sit back serenely until they hit the mid-season stuff and began to show.

But conditions have been scrambled too much of late to put any definite finger on any spot reeking with or oozing class. On paper the Braves still look to be the best-balanced outfit in the game.

What a chance any ball club has in other circles, this season that can pick along at a steady, consistent pace. No great baseball will be required to win a flag this season—merely a steady, even stride backed up by a consistent spirit that refuses to sag after June or July.

Don't forget a Tiger fan. We would think of it. Any outside entry who can stand up for even 10 days and slug on even terms with Ty and Sam deserves a remembrance that shall last.

WHAT MAY HAPPEN IN BASEBALL TODAY

Table with columns: Clubs, W, L, Pct, Win, Loss. Lists teams like Philadelphia, Cincinnati, Chicago, Boston, etc.

SMITH TOO MUCH FOR WAGNER

Inability to Time Punches Proves Latter's Downfall at Quaker City. Harry Smith scored an easy victory over Harry Wagner in the main bout at the Quaker City A. A. last night.

Two California Colleges Split

BERKELEY, Cal., April 24.—Students of the University of California split over a variety athletic relations with Stanford University.

Shubert Beats Simons

NEW ORLEANS, La., April 24.—Al Shubert, of New Bedford, Mass., won from Arthur Simons, of New Orleans, after 20 arduous rounds here last night.

Braves Buy Second Base Man Egan

BOSTON, April 24.—The purchase of Dick Egan, second baseman and utility infielder, by the Brooklyn Nationals, was announced today by President Gaffney, of the Boston Nationals.

PHILLIES' BATTING AVERAGES TO DATE

Table showing batting averages for players like Byrne, Landerick, Secrest, etc.

SCHEDULE FOR TODAY

Table listing game schedules for National League, American League, and Federal League.

Once Famous Jockey Dead

RACELAND, La., April 24.—James Lee, colored, once famous as a jockey, died last night here. Seven years ago Lee rode All at the winning horse in one day's meet at Latona.

Savannah Cyclists in Long Grind

SAVANNAH, Ga., April 24.—A score of Savannah cyclists have entered in a three-day endurance contest, which began here today, and by the Savannah Motorcyclists Club.

WEST PHILLIES IN LINE TO LEAD SCHOLASTICS

Victory Over Southern High Monday Will Give 800 Percentage—Sports Notes.

Table titled 'INTERACADEMIC LEAGUE STANDING' showing scores for various schools.

Today's Scholastic Schedule

Friends Select at Chestnut Hill Academy, School of Pedagogy at Williams Trade, Pennsylvania Military College at St. John's College.

West Philadelphia High School's baseball team will have a good chance of taking the lead in the Intercollegiate League standing on Monday.

A victory for the Purple and Gold baseballers over the red and black and a West Philadelphia High win over Southern High will drop the 8th street and Lehigh avenue national pastimes to a percentage of 500, while the boys across the Schuylkill will increase their average to 300 and take undiluted possession of the top rung.

The race for the Princeton Cup this season promises to result in one of the closest campaigns since the inauguration of the circuit. Although Central High dropped its first two games, the Crimson and Gold has greatly bolstered.

MIKE GIBBONS CANCELS BOUT

Disgusted With McFarland's Actions in Postponing Negotiations. ST. PAUL, Minn., April 24.—Failure of Packer McFarland to attend a meeting in Chicago yesterday resulted in the cancellation of all negotiations for his proposed match with Mike Gibbons, of St. Paul.

Church League Opens Today

The Interdenominational League will open its new season at 8th and Butler streets this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Marty O'Toole Slugs a Motorman

COLUMBUS, O., April 24.—Marty O'Toole, color for the Columbus American Association, was arrested in police court on a charge of slugging a motorman.

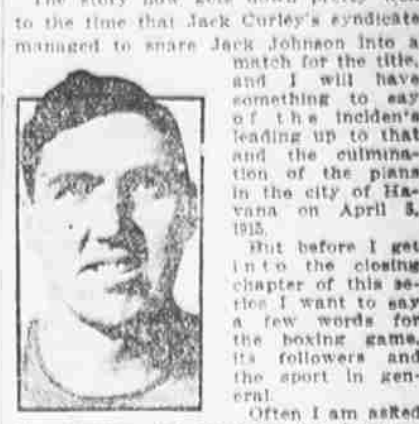
National League Park PHILLIES vs. BOSTON

Game at 3 P. M. Admission, 25c, 50c and 75c. Box Seats, \$1. On sale at Gimble's and Spalding's.

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

Titleholder Loves Fighting as a Game and Places It Above Football, Which Is Unfair, He Says—Finds Nothing Revolting.

By JESS WILLARD Heavyweight champion of the world.



The story now gets down pretty well to the time that Jack Corley's syndicate managed to snare Jack Johnson into a match for the title.

Now I'll reply to them. I love boxing. As for holding a profession to be ashamed of, I will say right now that it is being realized in many of the most enlightened communities in the United States.

I'm not challenging the opponents of boxing to give me any arguments against the sport. I do not like to argue, and am convinced that boxing has as many good points that the arguments which bring up its bad features are more than offset.

Summed up, I believe that boxing is the greatest of all sports, the one that draws the greatest crowds, the biggest stakes and stirs up the most intense interest.

But for football I cannot say as much. It is an unneeded game, in my mind. Anywhere from two to eleven men have the privilege of running on one of the opposing sides. That makes a bad game of it to me.

Now, what is fairer than a boxing match, where you have but one man to watch? Two men equally matched in weight and skill can present about as stirring a contest as any red-blooded man would care to see.

And I defy any one to find any brutality in championship contests. Take the Havana contest, for instance. It was as clean and straight a battle as any one could wish for. While there was one man of desperate punching on both sides, there was little or no blood, no punishment that made either of the contestants look bad.

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"ALL-FOR-GLORY" RUN SUCCESS

Twenty Men Out for West Branch Y. M. C. A. Event Last Night. Twenty-one athletes took part in the two-mile "All-for-glory" street run of the West Branch Y. M. C. A.

Exposition Athletic Meet Today

ST. FRANCIS, Pa., April 24.—The handicap track and field meet is scheduled today at the exposition grounds.

RACES TODAY AT HAVRE DE GRACE

Six Races Daily—Including a Special Train—Penna. R. R. Leave Broad St. 12:34 p. m. West Phila. 12:38 p. m. R. & O. Leave 24th and Chestnut St. 12:46 p. m.

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA RELAY CARNIVAL

43 Events Today, Including College Championship Relay and Special Tests. All big colleges of the East and West here.

National A. C. JACK MCCARRON vs. TOMMY TRAGUE SAM ROBIDEAU vs. AL THOMAS

OLYMPIA A. A. Broad & Baltimore Sts. MONDAY NIGHT, Harry Edwards, Mgr. GEORGE CHANEY vs. EDIE O'KEEFE Adm. 50c. Box Seats, 50c. Arena Res. 75c, \$1

A large advertisement for a movie, featuring the text 'EVENING LEDGER MOVIES—IN THIS, LOUIE, 25,000 RABID FANS WILL JOIN YOU WITH A VIM' and illustrations of people cheering.