

PHILLIES PUT PUNCH INTO THEIR PLAY—BRAVES PROVE TO BE VERY POOR SPORTSMEN

BOSTON BRAVES, POOR LOSERS, SOUGHT ALIBI FOR DEFEAT

Exhibition at Phillies' Park Reveals Disgusting Lack of Sportsmanship of Supposed Top-Notchers—Alexander's Great Work—The Baker Muddle—Straw Hat Day Saturday.

Grover Cleveland Alexander continued his winning way for the Phillies and for the third time this season humbled the Braves. Although the game was too close for comfort for a short time in the eighth inning, the big Nebraskan was completely master of the situation at all times.

Ten strike-outs were registered by Alexander, and Maranville was three times a victim, while Gowdy was again easy. If Gowdy and Maranville, world's series batting heroes, were forced to face the Nebraskan every day their batting averages would be slim, indeed, and the same might be said of the entire Boston team, with the exception of Schmidt.

Phillies Again Strong on Offensive

Moran's men came back strong on the offense and appeared more like the same team that made the world's champions look foolish on opening day. The Phillies had the breaks again, but they forced them. Every man was on the move at all times, and the way they took advantage of Magee's throwing weakness was a great delight to the crowd.

Braives, Poor Losers, Sought an Alibi

Magee was not the only Boston player to lose his head, however, as the entire team acted like a crowd of schoolboys, with their rowdy tactics in the eighth inning, when there was absolutely no occasion for such an outbreak. Magee, be it said, kept out of this general row.

Cravath walked in this inning, with two men out, and advanced to third on Whitted's single. When Whitted stole second Cravath was caught napping off third, but Gowdy made a poor throw, which struck Cravath on the shoulder, and the ball bounded to left field, permitting both men to score.

Gowdy's language did not suit the official, and he was immediately chased from the field. The entire Boston team then surrounded Quigley and carried on at a great rate until both Schmidt and Smith, also, were sent from the game. This did not satisfy the "alibi hunters," and they continued to cut up until Umpire Quigley, quite sensibly, drew his watch.

Gowdy in Shadow With Killefer's Brilliance

During the entire series Gowdy has played poor ball, being completely outclassed by the brilliant Killefer. The Philly catcher has never played such good ball as he has in this series. Not only has his throwing and headwork been strong, but he has also shown surprising ability at bat and on the bases.

Gowdy, by the way, appears to have developed a very much enlarged idea of himself since the last world's series and his work has shown the effect of this overconfidence. When he went in to bat against Rixey on Friday, Gowdy drew a base on balls, but threw his bat down in disgust, as though he were sure he would have hit a home run had Rixey not developed a streak of wildness.

Whitted a Power to Phillies

As remarked before, one series does not make a season, but if George Stallings had it to do over, it is safe to say that he would never have passed George Whitted over to the Phillies and kept Joe Connolly. The latter piled up a .300 batting average last season before he opposed only right-handed pitchers, but has developed such a marked weakness for curve ball pitching that it would not be surprising if he is supplanted by Gilbert or Cather.

Phillies and Boston Reverse Tactics

Seldom has a change of tactics by two clubs been so noticeable as in the series between the Phillies and Braves. Last season the Braves' waiting tactics at the plate were so noticeable that it excited comment throughout the country, while the Phillies were a free-swinging club that always hit the first good one, regardless of conditions.

This season conditions are reversed. Stallings' men are hitting the first ball all the time, evidently figuring to cross the opposing teams who are expected to take advantage of what was learned of the Braves' style last season. The Phillies also have switched, and every man makes the pitcher go to the limit.

First ball hitting was also noticeable at Shibe Park. Perhaps this has been caused by the failure of the pitchers to show much, but it is a strange contrast to the style of the last six years, or since, the Cubs' famous machine worked all the "inside stuff" one hears so much about.

International League Braves Another Season

The much-abled International League gets under way today, with the circuit the same as that which started the 1914 season, except that Richmond has replaced Baltimore. It required some clever work by President Barrow to save this most important cog in the wheels of organized ball, as it looked for a time as though several clubs would be forced to quit.

Toronto and Montreal have felt the effects of the war to such an extent that it was a hard matter to get enough backing to insure the running of the club for the season. Jersey City and Newark also had trouble getting backing. Richmond, the baby member, should more than fill the bill.

Upland Will Fight Ban on Baker

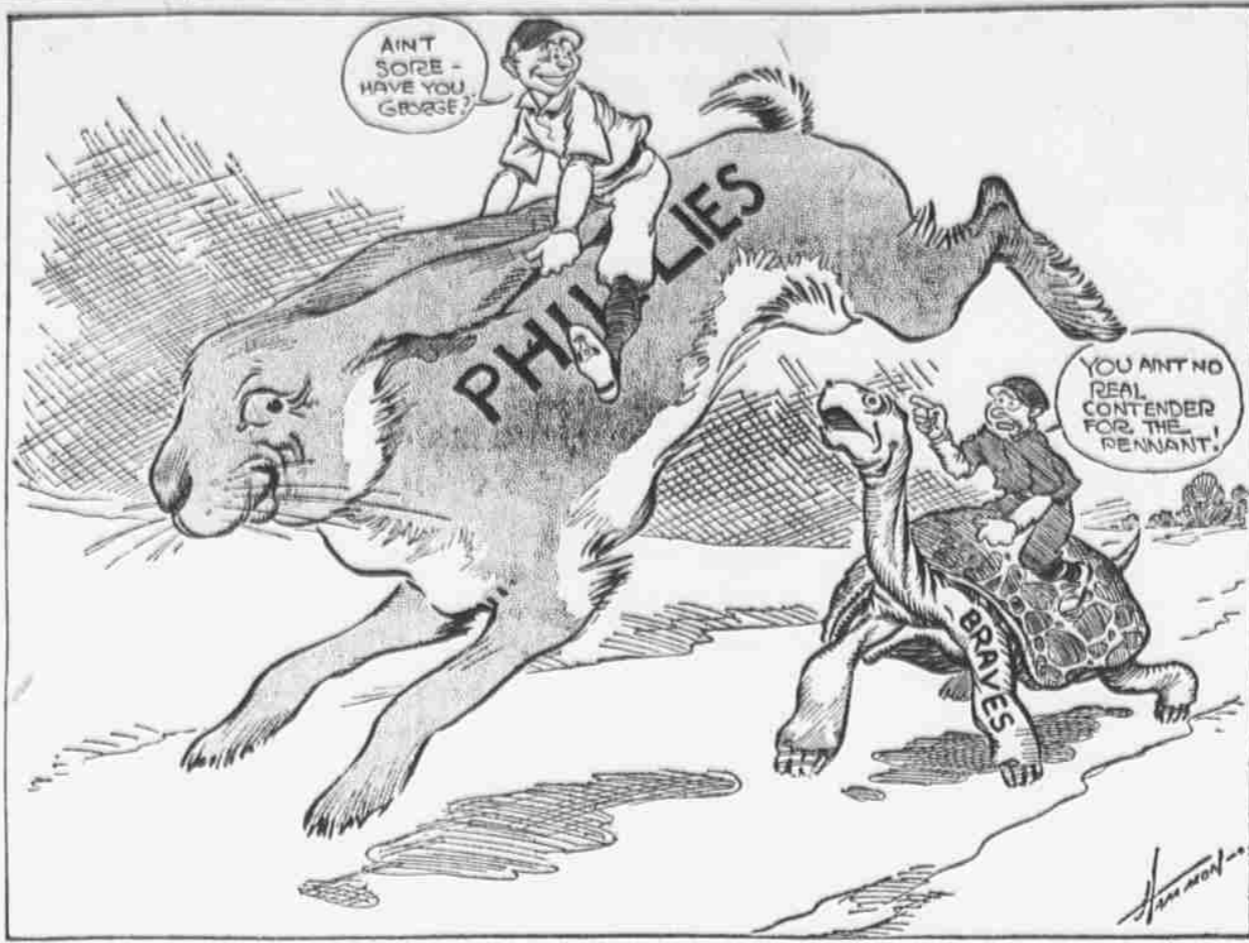
Frank Baker is to be barred from playing in the Delaware County League if the plans of E. M. Hackney, president of the Philadelphia Suburban League, are carried through. Mr. Hackney declares that it is against the rules of the Interstate Association of Baseball Clubs to harbor a contract jumper, and that if Baker is not formally released by Connie Mack he cannot play with Upland.

This latest move is no great surprise, as it was to be expected under the circumstances. If the Upland club did not prepare for this emergency it has made a serious mistake, but it is generally thought that the matter either will be arranged peacefully or the Delaware County League will drop out of the organization. Baktr is such a drawing card that the entire league will profit, and it is not likely they will accede to the wishes of a rival league.

First Real Test of Penn Crews Saturday

The University of Pennsylvania varsity and junior crews will have their first real test of the year on Saturday, when they meet the first and second crews of the Navy. It is true that the Quakers rowed Yale several weeks ago, but by no stretch of the imagination could that be called a fair test.

The Red and Blue Chasemen undoubtedly were a bit overconfident before they met Yale, but they have since had that taken out of them, and they ought to do better on that account. The Navy first crew, however, does not seem to be up to the standard this year, for it was badly beaten by Princeton a week ago.



STALLINGS DOES NOT REGARD THE PHILLIES SERIOUSLY

O'KEEFE MANAGES TO STAY WITH CHANEY

Local Boxer Has Two Narrow Escapes in Going Route Against Hard-hitting Foe.

Eddie O'Keefe's clever blocking from the distance and clinching tactics at close quarters enabled him to stay 6 rounds with George Chaney, of Baltimore, at the Olympia A. A. last night. There was little doubt of the Oriole City entry's superiority at the conclusion of the set-to.

O'Keefe had two narrow escapes from falling prey to Chaney's knockout weapon. In the fourth frame George grazed Eddie's jaw with a southpaw swing, staggering him. The local lad covered up his head with both arms and rushed into a clinch until the bell rang.

At the expense of Nell McCue, 111½ pounds, Teddy Jacobs, of New York, 120½ pounds, made a decided impression on the spectators. Mike Costa, 130½ pounds, defeated Danny Danforth, 135½ pounds, and George Ferns, 138½ pounds, shaded Tommy Delaney, 144 pounds, in a good exhibition of how not to box.

HOWARD DREW'S GREAT SPRINT

Makes 110 Yards in 11 Seconds at Providence.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., April 27.—Howard P. Drew, of Springfield, Mass., running as a representative of the University of Southern California, covered 110 yards in 11 seconds yesterday at a meet, held by the Technical High School at Marine Park. The record, a new one for the State, is one-fifth of a second behind the American mark.

To Play Off Billiard Tie

CLEVELAND, April 27.—The first block of the 100-point match to be played between Charles E. Cleveland and August Stieglitz, of Milwaukee, for the championship of the Interstate Billiard League, and first prize of \$500, will be played in Cleveland on Wednesday night.

Muhlenberg's Baseball Captain

ALLENTOWN, Pa., April 27.—Ereket Weber, a junior, was unanimously elected captain of the Muhlenberg baseball team, the son of a Lutheran clergyman at Boyertown.

PHILS' AND ATHLETICS' BATTING AVERAGES

Table with columns: Name, AB, R, H, TBAS, Pct. Lists batting averages for Phillies and Athletics players.

DEVON HORSE SHOW

MAY 27, 28, 29, 31. NATIONAL LEAGUE PARK PHILLIES vs. BROOKLYN. Games at 3.30 p. m. Admission, 50c, 1.00, and 1.50. Box seats, \$1. On sale at Gimbel's and Spalding's.



Steel rusts and concrete crumbles. Only Time is eternal. It was never written in the game's big book that Christy Mathewson would go on forever.

Miracle Men There was a bloke who always took A Ninety-Eight or more; But one spring day he went around The course in Eighty-Four;

The Case of Matty Few believe that Mathewson has yet reached the last stand. But those who have followed him for so long are beginning to wear an anxious look each time the box score returns his name.

One Cause Up to the middle of July last season, when the Giants were pounding along at a tidy clip, Matty had won 15 games and his greatest years well in hand, with no outward or inward sign of any break.

The Test The true test will only come when the Big Gun of the Giants has drawn enough of his right arm. But even if he should have a bad year—a season far below his old form—it would be no conclusive test that he had come to the end of his work.

Among those who are still traveling in a forwardly direction is a Mr. Ted Meredith, of Penn. He still has a hop on his fast one.

Just as the rumor was gaining ground that the German cause was in a slump, Heinle Schmidt stepped out and beat Chick Evans. We greatly fear, however, "Spring form means little or nothing." Quite so. Yet Cobb and Crawford are batting over .450, and Alexander has won all three games.

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.; E. & O. leave 21st and Chestnut Sts. 12:45 p. m.

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BOXER LUCAS FACES FIGHTER K. O. FARRELL

Meet at Fairmount Tonight. Williams-Louisiana Go May Be Clinched This Week.

Boxer vs. fighter will predominate in the main melees at the Fairmount A. C. tonight, when Willie Lucas, of Fairmount, opposes Knockout Jack Farrell, of the 17th Ward. Willie Lucas depends on his speed and cleverness to show his superiority over an opponent.

Tonight, at Norrisstown, Eddie McAndrews, of Mansyunk, will meet a clever two-handed fighter in Eddie Moy, of Allentown. The bout is scheduled for 10 rounds.

Ritz Walters, Atlantic City welterweight, will have a chance to improve his reputation here at the expense of Henry Hauber, of Fairmount. The latter is boxing in good form of late.

The hops of fight fans around Chicago of witnessing Padkey McFarland and Mike Gibbons in action has gone up in smoke. The St. Paul phantom has called off negotiations for the fight because he got tired of waiting for McFarland to come forward with his forfeit to bind the match.

Johnny Dundee, of New York, probably will get a chance to encounter Champion Freddie Welsh at the Madison Square Garden, New York, next month, when boxing will be resumed there.

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At the Broadway Sporting Club, Brooklyn, tonight, Dutch Brandt and Battering Lahn will clash in a ten-round bout. The former has recovered from a recent illness, which forced him to call off a fight with Frankie Burns at St. Louis.

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BOWLING TOURNAMENT BEGINS HERE MONDAY

National Association Will Stage Event on Terminal Alley, Filbert Street Below 13th.

The National Bowling Association has a cap tournament to be rolled on the Terminal Alley, Filbert street below 13th, beginning next Monday evening, May 3. The championships are to be contested not only by the best of the city men ten-pin rollers of the Camden Y. C. A. and two or more teams from Wilmington.

The teams will be lined up in the classes, A, B and C, according to the averages compiled from the scores rolled in recent tournaments. This will insure well-matched teams and make the contest more exciting.

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