

ATHLETICS INVADE WEST THIS WEEK-INTERCLUB TENNIS PLAY-COFFEY IS A VICTOR

ATHLETICS FACE CRUCIAL TEST ON FIRST WESTERN INVASION

Pitching and Batting Good in Turn, Mack Seeks to Get the Combination-Alexander's Fall Before Recruit-Tener Upholds Rowdism of Umpire and Punishes Player.

The Athletics are at home for a three-game series with Washington, starting today, after which they leave on the first swing around the western end of the American League circuit.

When the Fireworks Start in Both Departments In games that were well pitched by Mack's twirlers the Athletics looked like a different ball club, though the batting has not been what should be expected.

It Took a Youngster to Beat Alexander After star pitchers had taken a try against Alexander's winning streak, Manager McGraw decided to play a little percentage and shifted a youngster in against the Phillies in the final game of the series.

Believing that none of his pitchers was likely to win from Alexander if he was right, and that a youngster with a good day had a chance if the Nebraska was off form, McGraw took his chance and won.

Byrne First of Phils to Kick Out of Traces Considerable dissatisfaction was expressed by the fans and players at the umpiring of Quigg and Eason, but the action of Byrne in kicking himself out of the game was uncalculated.

Whitted Plays Great Ball at First, His Old Position The injury to Captain Luderus will prove quite a handicap to the Phillies for a few days, as the husky first sacker was hitting hard and timely.

Efforts to Get "Nerve" of Little Bancroft The bad blood that existed between the Phillies and Giants for years before the departure of Mike Doolan, Otto Knabe and Addie Brennan to the Reds again cropped out yesterday.

Tener Upholds an Umpire's Rowdism The recent ruling of President Tener in suspending Manager Herzog, of Cincinnati, and not punishing Umpire Rigler for their first fight at St. Louis is apparently a great injustice.

Case of Sherwood Magee Recalled When Sherwood Magee assaulted Umpire Pinneran he was threatened with expulsion from the game and finally was suspended for quite a period and fined heavily.



MERION TENNIS TEAM WINS OPENING FRAY

Belfield Women Defeat Germantown - Wallace Johnson Bests Dr. Dewhurst in 2 Sets.

Merion defeated Huntingdon Valley in a postponed first division interclub tennis match at Haverford yesterday by three matches to two.

Heavyweight Battle in New York Lasts Three Rounds Only NEW YORK, May 6.-Jim Coffey, the Dublin giant, knocked out Al Reich, the New York heavyweight, in the third round of what was to have been a 10-round bout at Madison Square Garden last night.

THE VANISHED PEP So vanished ambition in the Mackian camp. This is not to charge that Mack's players are deliberately quitting or loafing.

THE DIFFERENCE "If oldtime ball clubs, and even clubs of recent date, could get along on from 15 to 18 men, why can't McGraw?" queries I. F. J.

COFFEY WINS BY K. O. Jim Coffey last night blasted the championship hopes of Al Reich in New York, flooring the heavyweight in three rounds.



Under normal conditions there is no reason why a club should operate with 18 or 20 players. But present conditions are not exactly what even the most strident optimist might label normal.

Harvard Crew in Great Try CAMBRIDGE, Mass., May 6.-Over the same mile and seven-eighths course on the Charles River, where Harvard will row Cornell on May 22, the Crimson varsity crew had a trial race.

YOUNG DIGGINS The clever Gray's Ferry bantam will meet a hard-hitting opponent in Joe O'Donnell in the star bout at the Broadway Club tonight.

KENTUCKY DERBY PROMISES TO BE GREATEST RACE IN TURF HISTORY

Saturday's Event at Churchill Downs Has Attracted a Most Remarkable Field of Three-year-olds-Matt Winn Believes Race Will Mean a Record.

Matt J. Winn, who visited Laurel, Md., this week to attend the annual meeting of the directors and stockholders of the Maryland Fair Association, before returning to Louisville declared he anticipated the greatest race in the Derby, Saturday, that has ever been run at the Churchill Downs course.

There is certainly plenty of circumstantial evidence to corroborate Mr. Winn's testimony. A glance through the eligibility list for the Derby discloses such sterling three-year-olds as H. P. Whitney's Trojan, and Double Eagle; James Butler's Pebbles, Last Coin and Kilkenny Boy, the first two of which are looked upon as likely favorites for the race; W. R. Coe's Harkler and Captain E. B. Cassatt's Garbage.

H. C. Hallenbeck's recent purchases, The Finn and Iron Duke, are also eligible for the Derby, but as both are now quartered at Belmont Park there is no likelihood of their starting at the Kentucky race, Saturday.

Entries have filled unusually well for the stakes to be run off Saturday at the Meadow Brook Steeplechase Association's Spring meeting at Wheatley Hills, L. I. Four handicaps are on the card, the Ritz Cup and the Stewards' Steeplechase being through the field, while the High-

K. O. O'DONNELL BOXES DIGGINS AT BROADWAY

Moore and Heffernan, Meeley and McCoy May Meet in Return Bouts May 17.

K. O. Joe O'Donnell, Gloucester's hard-hitting gloveboxer, will have an opportunity to greatly improve his prestige tonight when he engages Young Diggins, local clever boxer, in the stellar scrap at the Broadway A. C. With O'Donnell depending on his punching powers to win and Diggins relying on his cleverness to outpoint his opponent, the encounter should ensue in a brilliant battle.

Next Tuesday night, at the Palace Club, Norristown, Eddie Revoire, of the 15th Ward, and Tommy Coleman, of Frankford, will clash in the feature 10-round bout. Revoire defeated the Negro fighter recently.

Following Dutch Brandt's appearance at the Olympia Club next Monday night with Louisiana, the Brooklyn bantam's next match will be with Kid Williams in New York, May 18. Sailor Grande and K. O. Harry Baker are billed for the semifinal and a knockout probably will decide the winner.

After being on the sidelines for more than a year, Jack Stewart, a 125-pounder from Southwark, declares he is prepared to battle the best his weight. Stewart says he has engaged in seven fights, returning victor in five by the knockout route.

At the Gayety Theatre last night 100 ambitious youngsters competed in the amateur boxing bouts. There was plenty of action, and at times the air was full of boxing gloves, the zone of the contestants gave any evidence of ever becoming champions.

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