

STAGE SET FOR BIG EVENTS THIS AFTERNOON—INTERCOLLEGIATES AT FRANKLIN FIELD

ATHLETICS STILL FLAG CONTENDERS, DECLARES OPTIMISTIC MR. MACK

If Pitchers Come Through in Next Two Weeks All Will Be Well, Says Lean Leader of the White Elephants.

Although the Athletics had a most disastrous Western trip and are at the present time at the bottom of the ladder in the American League race, Manager Mack declared today, upon alighting from the train from Cleveland, that the Athletics are still in the pennant race, providing the pitchers show a return to form within the next 15 days.

Mack says that the fate of the champions will be known within two weeks. If the pitchers fall him, he does not expect to finish very far up in the American League race, but if they come through as he expects, the Athletics will have a pennant race to the finish. This statement from Mack coming at this time is good news to followers of the Athletics, as it was generally believed here that the Mackmen were doomed to a second division berth.

"It was not a very good trip," said Connie Mack. "But it was a most interesting one to me in more ways than one. The work of the pitching staff was most disappointing, but the rest of the team exceeded my fondest expectations. Had the pitchers held up their end we would now be right up at the top of the ladder. We scored enough runs to have won 10 of the games played in the West had our pitchers done as I expected."

"The pitchers have everything but control, and while I am sure they will show new vigor, I will not say absolutely what our chances are. I will say that I expect to know within 15 days whether my pitchers are going to hold up. If the pitching staff is absolutely what I expect, the Athletics will have a pennant race to the finish.

"There is no reason for the poor showing of the young pitchers. They are a staff of pitchers I have, and I think morning practice will give them the control they need. The poor control has been largely responsible for most of the base hits our opponents have made, as the pitchers were constantly in a hole and forced to groove balls for batters who should have been easy. The rest of the team looked great. The work of Lajoie was really wonderful, and all over the circuit they cheered him wildly for some of his sensational plays. Before he left for the West he was having trouble getting them safe, but the way he hit on the road assures me that I never made a better move than when I brought Lajoie back to the club.

"Injuries have failed to slow up the team. The absence of Melius naturally hurt our batting, but Strunk filled in nicely and so did App. My team as it stands is good enough to win any pennant if the pitchers come through. Of course, we are quite a ways back, but I will refuse to admit that we won't be back with the leaders in time if the pitchers come through.

"The White Sox looked mighty good to me, and so did the Tigers, but I doubt if the latter team will hold up there long, as its pitching staff seems to be weakening. Clark Griffith is quoted as saying that Eddie Collins is slipping, but don't you believe it. Eddie Collins is still the greatest player in the country today and has strengthened the White Sox considerably. He has been in a batting slump, but he often has them. He will not stay in the slump long, however.

"I am surprised at Jack Coombs' work with the Dodgers? No, I am not surprised and I am glad to see him going so good. I told several American League managers that he would come back, but they paid him up. He would be a valuable addition to the league, but I am not going to miss him or any one else as soon as my pitchers hit their stride. What men when they were in, they have disappointed me so far, but they will come through."

"The rest of the team feels very much as Mack does. The pitchers are naturally peeved at themselves, but they say they will work their heads off in the next few weeks and more than make up for the poor work to date. Stuffy Melius expects to be back in the game today or tomorrow.

MERION TENNIS TEAM AGAIN WINS TITLE
Wallace F. Johnson Defeats W. E. Davis, Sensational Young California Player.
Merion won the first division Intercollegiate Tennis League championship for the second year in succession by defeating Philadelphia at Havertford yesterday, three matches to two.
Willis E. Davis, the young Californian who plays No. 1 for Philadelphia, was beaten for the first time in the intercollegiate series when Wallace F. Johnson won in straight sets. In the opener they won on service until the score was six all, when Johnson broke through and followed up his success by taking the set. The second set was Johnson's all the way, Davis failing to capture a game.

PROSPECTS FOR QUAKERS IN INTERCOLLEGIATES

Moakley, of Cornell
"The intercollegiate race between the University of Pennsylvania and Cornell. The chances are good, but still it will not be a cinch by any means. The Red and Blue must not be underestimated. Yale may come through with the unexpected, with Harvard probably fourth. There is no reason why we shouldn't score in most every event, excepting possibly the quarter mile half mile."

Orton, of Penn
"Pennsylvania has a fighting chance. The 400 athletes, representing 28 colleges, had money and ability to the games, and no one can tell just what his pop-up will be. We consider Cornell the general favorite, but the strongest contender, but Yale is the 'dark horse' in the field, and must not be forgotten. The injuries at Dartmouth this week hurt their chances, and Princeton cannot be expected to do much."

CENTRAL-SOUTHERN GAME TODAY CLOSES SCHOLASTIC LEAGUE

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Catholic High School..... 6 5 245
West Philadelphia High..... 1 10 601

SEASIDE YACHTSMEN STAGE BIG REGATTA FOR DECORATION DAY

Motor and Sail Enthusiasts to Have Jolly Time, as Many Events Are Programmed for the Holiday Occasion.

ATLANTIC CITY, May 28.—The Atlantic City Yacht Club will celebrate Decoration Day on Monday with "open house" and accompanying features at its anchorage at the Inlet. The occasion will also mark the start of the sailboat series, in which nearly a dozen members are to compete during the season. The craft are all of one design and special interest is manifested in the race, because of the fact that the boats must be manned by the owners, and spirited competitions are assured, as yachtmanship alone will count in the results.

MISS CAROLINE WHITE, the 16-year-old daughter of Commodore A. K. White, will make her debut in racing circles at this time. Others to have boats in this opening racing event are Walter J. Ruzby, A. K. White, C. D. White, J. Haines Lippincott, Warren Somers, Walter T. Reed and Howell E. Cook.

NORWEGIAN GIRL, ILL. LOSES TENNIS MATCH TO RIVAL

Miss Bjurstedt Suffers From Muscular Cramps—Forfeits Contest.
NEW YORK, May 28.—Miss Molla Bjurstedt, the national indoor and metropolitan tennis champion, forfeited her match in the Morristown Field Club tournament at Morristown, N. J., yesterday to Mrs. Frederick Schmitz after each player had won a set and with the third standing 2 to 1 in favor of Mrs. Schmitz. Constant campaigning since the indoor championship tournament at the 7th Regiment Armory is the primary cause for the withdrawal of the young Norwegian, although the actual trouble was muscular cramps.

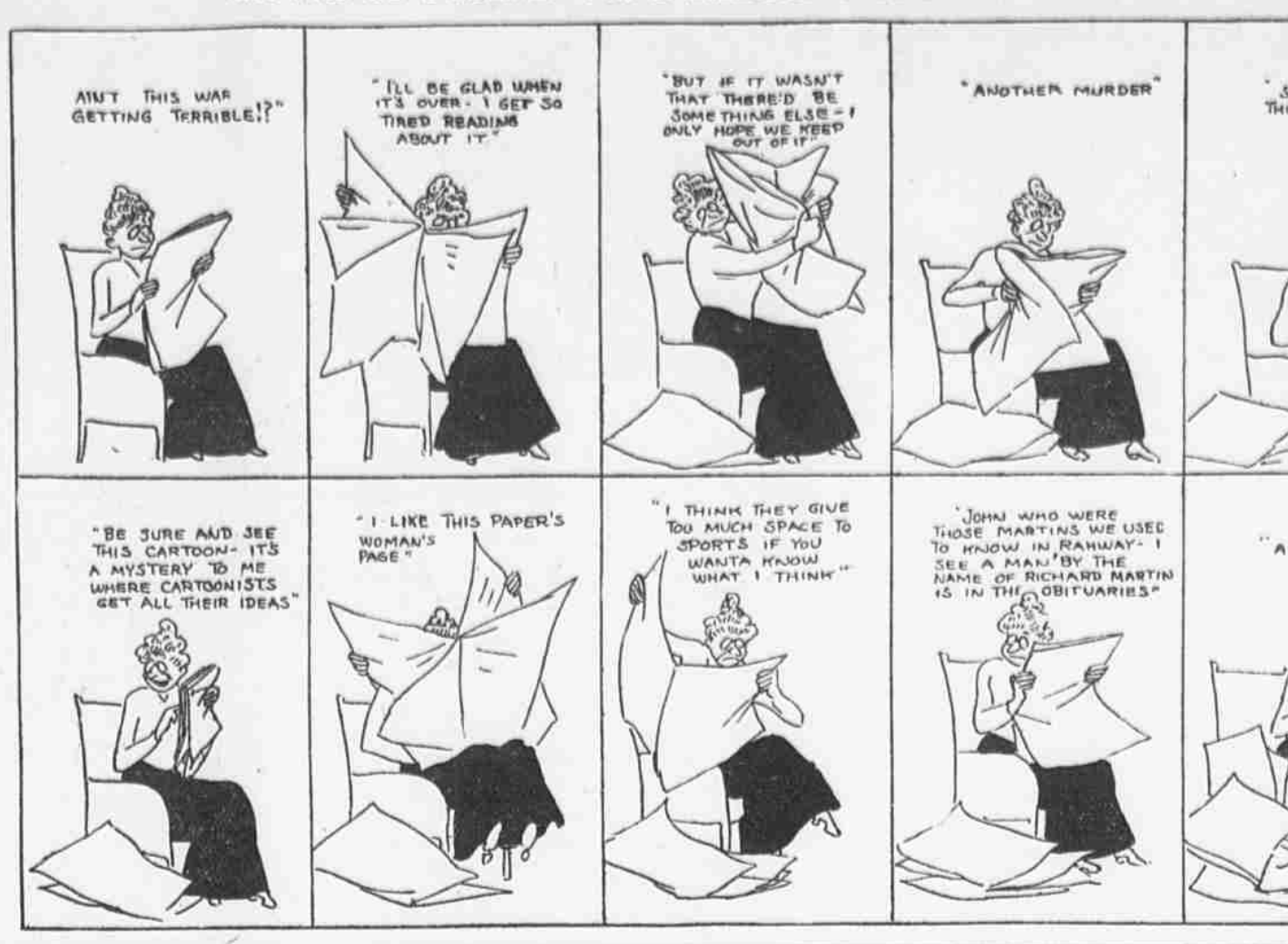
Mrs. Schmitz, when almost certain of victory, showed true sporting spirit in offering Miss Bjurstedt a postponement, but this was not allowed, and the match went to Mrs. Schmitz.

PENN. HOPES IN INTERCOLLEGIATES



The Quakers must score heavily in the sprints to win the title in events at Franklin Field today and tomorrow. Lippincott and Lockwood are her great sprinters, and then there is Meredith, with Kaufman as hurdler. From left to right, the picture shows Kaufman, Meredith, Lippincott and Lockwood.

MOVIE OF FRIEND WIFE READING THE MORNING PAPER



Intercollegiate Records of Past; Some Due for Smashing Today

Event	Holder	College	Record	Year
100-yard dash	B. J. Webers	(Georgetown)	1:09 4-5	1900
220-yard dash	H. C. Craig	(Michigan)	1:51 1-5	1910
440-yard dash	J. C. Patterson	(Pennsylvania)	2:21	1913
880-yard dash	H. C. Craig	(Michigan)	5:02 4-5	1910
1,760-yard dash	D. E. Lippincott	(Pennsylvania)	1:48	1913
Half-mile run	D. S. Caldwell	(Cornell)	1:53 2-5	1914
One-mile run	J. P. Jones	(Cornell)	4:14 2-5	1913
Two-mile run	J. S. Hoffmaster	(Cornell)	9:22 4-5	1914
High Jump	A. C. Kraenzlein	(Pennsylvania)	24 1/2	1890
Pole vault	M. S. (Pennsylvania)		9 3/4	1907
Hammer throw	J. R. De Witt	(Princeton)	142 1/2	1902
Shot put	H. L. Beatty	(Columbia)	48 10/32	1912
Pole vault	H. Gardner	(Yale)	13 0/1	1912
120-yard hurdles	A. B. Kraenzlein	(Pennsylvania)	1:12 1-5	1908
220-yard hurdles	J. L. Wendell	(Westleyan)	2:23 3-5	1908

BINGLE AND BUNGLE IN DIAMOND DOPE

Jim Vaughn pitched to Cravath just as though he was expecting the home run drive that followed. Left-handers have little chance of beating the Phillies, and the reputation of the team in this line does not help the confidence of the pitchers.

Several visiting managers might have changed their minds about Dave Bancroft's hitting but they seem him pole that drove over the wall. Charley Herzog remarked that Bancroft would be a mark for good pitching before the season was over because he could hit to one field only.

Lajoie continued to slug the ball in Cleveland. The batting of the Frenchman has been the feature of the work of the Athletics on the road, and he is due to continue with plenty of morning practice. On the field Larry's work has surpassed anything he has shown in several years.

Young Rube Davis, Mack's recruit from Virginia, is a mighty handy man to have around. Though not a howling success as a pitcher to date, he has driven in many runs with timely drives.

"Bud" Weiser got a great hand by the bleachers when he retired in favor of Becker as soon as Vaughn was taken from the mound. In his one trip to the plate Weiser hit the top of the right-field fence for a double.

AUTO DRIVERS TUNE MIGHTY SPEED CARS FOR 500-MILE TEST

INDIANAPOLIS, May 28.—Down today found the drivers and mechanics who will ride in Monday's 500-mile automobile race taking their final practice turns on the brick course before starting their mounts to await the starting bombs at 10 o'clock Monday.

An early morning rain had disappeared and sunshine was promised. Because of the daily rains that have prevented practice, the race officials permitted the drivers to use the course until tomorrow afternoon, after which a score of men were put to work scrubbing every brick on the track and putting the counters in condition for what is expected to be the fastest race ever run on any speedway.

This is the fifth Indianapolis race. Twice the event was won by Americans and twice by Europeans. This is the "rubber" race.

The first race in 1911 was won by Ray Broun, an American, with an average speed of 74.2 miles an hour. The 1912 race also went to Joe Dawson, an American, who established a record of 75.72 miles an hour.

Julius Goetz, a Frenchman, won the 1913 race, averaging 76.53 miles an hour. Rene Thomas, a Frenchman, won the 1914 race, establishing a record of 82.47 miles an hour for the complete course of 500 miles.

DOG SHOW AT AMBLER

Open All-breed Show of Gwynedd Kennels Saturday.
AMBLER, Pa., May 28.—Under the auspices of the Gwynedd Valley Kennels, an open all-breed dog show will be held tomorrow on the grounds of the Ambler baseball club. Dogs of noted blood will contest for the prizes.

The Bench Show Committee is more than delighted at the entry list, which includes many prominent ribbon winners. English bulldogs have made the biggest list of entries, and fanciers of them will find the competition keen. Many out-of-town dog lovers have their favorites entered.

Women's Shoot Postponed
WILMINGTON, Del., May 28.—On account of some irregularity in the program the Women's shoot of the Neversun Gun Club was yesterday postponed until next week.

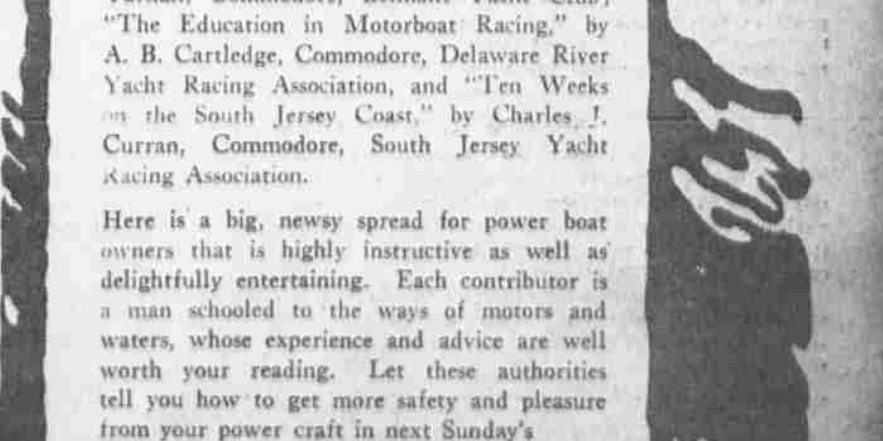
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ATHLETICS, AT HOME, MEET BOSTON BUNCH IN OPENING CONTEST

Herb Pennock, Who Has Trimmed Red Sox Twice, Probable Pitching Selection for Today—Shore Is Carrigan's Choice.
The Athletics celebrate their return home today by meeting Bill Carrigan's disorganized Red Sox. When the Red Sox appeared here last year, they were considered almost certain pennant winners, but friction in the club and lack of condition in the pitching department have at least temporarily erased the Boston club from the list of pennant contenders.

There is no denying that the Red Sox have a strong club and one that will still be in the running if it gets back to its natural stride, but the attitude of the players is not helping Manager Carrigan to straighten out his machine. President Lannin is traveling with the club, but denies strenuously the charge of "Dutch" Leonard that he is interfering with Carrigan's management of the team and that he personally chides the players for each defeat.

The most likely pitching selection for today's game is Ernie Shore, the giant speed merchant who twirled the opening game of the season last year, while opposed to him will be Herb Pennock, who has beaten the Red Sox twice this season. Carrigan's team appears to be particularly easy for Pennock for some reason, and it is likely that he will have two chances against them during the present series.



"Out to Sea in a Forty-Footer"
By Dr. Eugene Swayne
Commodore Flat Rock Motor Boat Club
Other high power stories from motorboat enthusiasts include "Lost at Sea," by J. B. Yarnall, Commodore, Belmont Yacht Club; "The Education in Motorboat Racing," by A. B. Cartledge, Commodore, Delaware River Yacht Racing Association, and "Ten Weeks on the South Jersey Coast," by Charles I. Curran, Commodore, South Jersey Yacht Racing Association.
Here is a big, newsy spread for power boat owners that is highly instructive as well as delightfully entertaining. Each contributor is a man schooled in the ways of motors and waters, whose experience and advice are well worth your reading. Let these authorities tell you how to get more safety and pleasure from your power craft in next Sunday's Sports Magazine PUBLIC LEDGER
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QUAKER CITY OARSMEN ENTER TEN CREWS FOR THE HARLEM REGATTA

Philadelphia Oarsmen have entered strong for the New York Rowing Association's annual Harlem Regatta to be held next Monday. There are 10 entries from this city. Baltimore has five entries, and New York awells the list to an aggregate of 24.

One of the biggest features will be the meeting of the Columbia and Fordham universities. This is the first time in the history of the two organizations that these colleges have rowed. The race Monday will again row in the double for Vesper, and it is certain the Quaker will score.

The complete list of entries is: Junior double sculls—Mater R. C., Philadelphia; New York A. C. and Bayonne R. C.; Senior double sculls—Mater R. C. and Mater R. C.; Philadelphia; Nonpareil R. C.; Nassau R. C.; and Metropolitan R. C.; Junior single sculls—Arlene R. C.; Philadelphia; Metropolitan R. C.; New York A. C. and Fairmount R. C.; Philadelphia; Senior single sculls—Matta B. C. and Fairmount R. C.; Philadelphia; Junior quadruple sculls—New York A. C. and Nonpareil R. C.; Junior four oars—Arlene R. C.; Baltimore; First Nonpareil; Nonpareil and Nassau; Senior four oars—New York A. C. and Fairmount R. C.; Philadelphia; New York A. C., and Belmont R. C.; Baltimore; Motta R. C.; Philadelphia; Rosedale, Hudson and Vesper.

MAXFIELD NOT ELIGIBLE FOR INTERCOLLEGIATE MEET
Question of Roos' Entering Not Raised at Association Meeting.
At a meeting of the Intercollegiate Athletic Association last night, held at the Bellevue-Stratford, the association passed favorably upon the late entries sent in by Georgetown University. They were counted as being sent in within the 24-hour limit, one of the rulings of the association.

It was also decided that Maxfield, of Lafayette College, would not be allowed to compete in the intercollegiate sports on account of competing in outside events. The question which brought so much comment upon the eligibility of Roos, of Yale, was not even brought up or discussed. The association for the last 20 years has not received a protest from any of the colleges, and this one being questioned was not even mentioned. Roos has competed for only three years, and, according to the rulings of the Intercollegiate Association, a man is allowed to compete four years in intercollegiate sports.

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