

ATHLETICS REGAIN SOME OF OLD-TIME FORM—WOMEN'S NATIONAL TENNIS TOURNAMENT

ATHLETICS, TWELVE GAMES BEHIND, STILL HAVE CHANCE

Team Looks Better Than Braves at This Time in 1914—Philadelphia Women Now Taking Active and Vital Part in Sports. Golf and Tennis Hold Interest.

The Athletics suffered three defeats out of five games played during last week, but there is no denying that the team is rapidly rounding into the form that was expected of it, and it is not entirely impossible that the Mackmen will make a sensational finish such as the Braves staged last season in the National League. Today the Athletics are not as far back as the Braves were at this time last season, and the team looks 50 per cent. better than did Boston.

History does not repeat often in baseball, but on what the other American League clubs have shown here, there is no reason for counting the Athletics absolutely out of the race just yet. It must be admitted that the Mackmen have only one chance in a thousand, and perhaps not that, of repeating the Braves' performance of 1914, but they have a chance, and the great improvement in the pitching department since the return of the team from the West presages good things for the fans.

Twelve-game Handicap May Be Overcome

Twelve games are a big handicap to overcome, but when one considers that the Athletics were 16 full games behind in 1911 in the middle of June, and still won the pennant with eight games to spare, the feat does not appear impossible.

The Play That Spoiled Alexander's Hopes

Fancy the position of Arthur Butler, the St. Louis shortstop, who spoiled a no-hit game for Alexander, the Great by singling with two men out in the ninth inning on Saturday. Butler was about to be released by the Cardinals, and naturally was trying his utmost to make good, but he unconsciously hurt his chances by getting that base hit. Reports from St. Louis state that his own teammates abused him for spoiling one of the greatest pitching performances in years, and the Philly players were enraged because Butler is alleged to have told Killefer that he was pulling for a no-hit game for Alexander. Alexander lobbed up a slow one and Butler crossed them all by lacing it into centre for a single. Killefer was so enraged that he threw his mask at Butler as he ran to first, while his teammates on the bench "rode" him in full hearing of the crowd.

And yet, what was Butler to do? When ball players cease trying the game will no longer fascinate the spectators, but there has always been an unwritten law among players that when a man goes until but one man is to be retired for a pitcher to turn in a no-hit game the last batsman should not try to hit unless his team has a chance for victory. St. Louis had no chance to win, and the fans, as well as the players of both teams, thought Butler should have deliberately struck out.

Managing St. Louis Has Aged Branch Rickey

Branch Rickey, the youthful manager of the Browns, is a vastly different man today than he was a year ago. When Rickey first was appointed manager of the Browns his boyish appearance and illuminating smile were commented upon throughout the country, but handling a losing club with a lot of bad actors has aged Rickey in the last seven months. He no longer wears the perpetual smile, and is a stern taskmaster.

Rickey's ideas of managing a ball club last season were unique, and for a time he got the results, until some of the less intelligent men on his club took advantage of him. So different was Rickey's method of running the club that he was termed the "Sunday School Manager." He is a great religious and Y. M. C. A. worker, and even now refuses even to attend a game on Sunday, though it may be an important battle for his club. On Sundays Jimmy Austin, the peppy third baseman, acts as manager.

This season Rickey does not associate with his players so much, and is a stern leader. That he has not had more success is due to the number of accidents his players have had, and through the insubordination of Hamilton and Baumgartner. He expects his team to finish in the first division, or at least to top the second division.

Rickey is also one of those who believe the Mackmen are sure to be back in the race. He says: "There is a wonderful improvement in Mack's team since we first met them in St. Louis, and if those young pitchers get control they are going to upset the 'Dops.' The club is still a powerful aggregation when its regulars are in the game, and with good pitching it is likely to cause the leaders lots of worry before long. I can't see why they should fail to finish up in the race."

Philadelphia Women Athletes Increasing in Number and Efficiency

That the American public is rapidly developing the British habit in sports—participation rather than mere spectatorship—is generally conceded. But the great increase in the number and efficiency of women athletes has been somewhat overlooked.

At the present time more women and girls are playing golf and tennis in Philadelphia, and elsewhere, in this country than at any previous time. The puritanic idea of women not indulging in athletics has long gripped the minds of the women, but the mental storm is now turning with unprecedented vim.

Philadelphia Women Golfers Victorious

While the lawn tennis matches were being played at Merion last week, the women golfers were engaged in the games for the Clement A. Griscom cup. These matches consisted in a three-cornered "Round Robin" among New York, Boston and Philadelphia. The final matches on Saturday between the local women and the metropolitan players was a sweeping victory for the Philadelphians, most of whom played unusually consistent golf.

The Excellent Work of Mrs. C. H. Vanderbeck, Mrs. Ronald H. Barlow, Mrs. E. H. Fitter and Miss Catherine Davis in all of their matches was largely responsible for the tide turning in favor of the Philadelphia players. In the final interclub matches Saturday, Mrs. Vanderbeck showed splendid form in defeating Miss Lillian Hyde, Metropolitan champion. In her match with Miss Marion Hollis, New York, Mrs. Barlow played her best game of the tournament, winning 3 up and 2 to go.

During the time of the local matches, Walter Travis, the Garden City expert, was winning his way through a field of excellent golfers for the Metropolitan title over the Apawamis course, at Rye, N. Y.

"WHEN A FELLER NEEDS A FRIEND"



SHAWKEY WEAKENS AND ST. LOUIS WINS

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Walker made a fine catch of McInnis' fly. Lapp singled to left. Austin threw out Malone. No runs, one hit, no errors.

THIRD INNING.
Barry threw out Lavan. McInnis made a great pick-up of Shawkey's poor throw and Severoid was retired. James fanned. No runs, no hits, no errors.

Kopf fled out to Lavan. Shawkey struck out. Murphy fled to Pratt. No runs, no hits, no errors.

FOURTH INNING.
Shotten walked. Shotten died stealing. Pratt out. Shotten singled to right. Murphy fled to Malone. C. Walker fouled to second. C. Walker fouled to Lapp. No runs, one hit, no errors.

Harry fled to Lavan. Shotten backed against the bleacher wall for Walsh's long drive. Oldring fled to Austin. No runs, no hits, no errors.

FIFTH INNING.
Oldring made a great catch of E. Walker's drive. Kauffman singled to left. Lavan singled to right, and on a hit and run play Kauffman went to centre. Severoid sacrifice fled to Murphy. Kauffman scoring and Lavan going to second on the throw to the plate. James beat out an infield hit. Shotten singled to centre. scoring Lavan. James going to third and Shotten going to second. Austin fled to Murphy. Two runs, four hits, no errors.

McInnis fled to C. Walker. Austin threw out Lapp. Malone singled to right. Kopf fled to Shotten. No runs, one hit, no errors.

SIXTH INNING.
Pratt fled to Walsh. Malone threw out C. Walker on a fine play. E. Walker fanned. No runs, no hits, no errors.

Shawkey fled to Shotten. Murphy singled to centre. Walsh's long drive. C. Walker pulled down Walsh's long drive. No runs, one hit, no errors.

SEVENTH INNING.
Kauffman out. Barry to McInnis. Lavan fled to Walsh. Severoid singled to centre. Shawkey threw out James. No runs, one hit, no errors.

Lavan threw Oldring out. McInnis went out the same way. Lapp tripped to right. Malone was hit on the shoulder. Davies batting in place of Kopf. Davies hit to Lavan. Two runs, one hit, no errors.

EIGHTH INNING.
Lear playing third base for the Athletics. Shotten singled to centre. Austin beat out a bunt. Shotten and Austin pulled a double steal. Pratt singled to left, scoring Shotten and Austin. Pratt died stealing. Lapp to Malone. C. Walker singled to right. E. Walker singled to left. C. Walker died stealing. Lapp to Lear. Kauffman singled past Barry. Lavan lined to Murphy. Two runs, six hits, no errors.

Thompson batted for Shawkey. Thompson fled to Shotten. Pratt threw out Murphy. Barry singled to centre. Walsh fled to C. Walker. No runs, one hit, no errors.

TRALEE ROMPS HOME IN BELMONT OPENER

Edna Kenna Is Second in Five-furlong Dash, With Broom Corn Showing.

BELMONT PARK, N. Y., June 7.—Tralee was easily the class in the opening dash on the five-furlong straightaway here this afternoon and disposed of a mediocre band of starters. Jockey Lowrie had the leg up on the winner. Edna Kenna won the place honor and Broom Corn the show. The race was run in one minute flat.

Summaries:
First race, for 2-year-olds, selling, \$500 added, 5 furlongs—straight—Tralee, 107, J. J. Miller, 12 to 1, 4 to 1, out, won; Edna Kenna, 104, J. Allen, 12 to 1, 3 to 1, 7 to 10, second; Broom Corn, 98, Lily, 8 to 1, 7 to 10, third; Time, 1:00. Fish Walk and Jerry, Jr., also ran.

Second race, for 3-year-olds and up, selling, \$500 added, 6 furlongs—main course—Orestis, 107, Lily, 12 to 1, 4 to 1, 2 to 1, out, won; Harry, 117, J. J. Miller, 12 to 1, 4 to 1, 2 to 1, second; Al Birch, 107, J. Allen, 12 to 1, 4 to 1, 2 to 1, third; Time, 1:07. C. O'Sullivan and Kay O'Light, also ran.

Third race, for 3-year-olds and up, selling, \$500 added, 6 furlongs—main course—Orestis, 107, Lily, 12 to 1, 4 to 1, 2 to 1, out, won; Harry, 117, J. J. Miller, 12 to 1, 4 to 1, 2 to 1, second; Al Birch, 107, J. Allen, 12 to 1, 4 to 1, 2 to 1, third; Time, 1:07. C. O'Sullivan and Kay O'Light, also ran.

Low Tandler Nine Loses

Low Tandler nine lost to the Potters 6 to 2 at South Philadelphia, yesterday morning at Front and Dickinson streets, by the score of 6 to 2. It was a thrilling battle throughout. The feature of the game was the battery work of Tandler for Brown and Ostrow.

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MISS BJURSTEDT AND MRS. WIGHTMAN WIN

Favorites Have Easy Time in First Round for Women's National Lawn Tennis Honors.

ST. MARTIN'S, Pa., June 7.—Mrs. George Wightman, nee Hazel Hotchkiss, of Pasadena, Cal., and Miss Molla Bjurstedt, of Norway, the favorites for the national lawn tennis championship at the Philadelphia Cricket Club, St. Martin's, won their first round matches today with little effort.

Miss Bjurstedt defeated Mrs. C. R. Wainwright, Philadelphia Cricket Club, 6-0, 6-1, and Mrs. Wightman reached the second round at the expense of the only other Californian in the event, Mrs. D. H. Wood. The latter wore a piece of court plaster over her left eye as a remembrance of the slight accident she sustained while playing in the State championship at Merion last week.

As Miss Hotchkiss, Mrs. Wightman won the national title here in 1909, 1910 and 1911, and thus obtained permanent possession of the Wissahickon cup. The last year the trophy was won outright by Miss Mary Browne, another Californian title holder in 1912, 1913 and 1914. Miss Browne is not playing in the tournament this year.

The preliminary round was completed without loss of time, and with but a single surprise. The upset was the victory gained by Miss Phyllis Walsh, of Merion, over Mrs. B. S. Briggs, formerly Dorothy Green, of Merion, after three sets, scores, 2-6, 6-1, 7-5.

Preliminary Round:
Miss M. Vanderbeck, West Side, defeated Miss E. Cheston, Philadelphia Cricket Club, 6-1, 6-1.
Miss E. H. Katzenberg, Philadelphia, defeated Mrs. Caroline Chubb, Philadelphia Cricket Club, 6-0, 6-2.
Mrs. J. D. Paul, Philadelphia Country Club, defeated Miss Elizabeth Porter, Washington, 6-1, 6-1.
Miss Florence Ballin, West Side, defeated Miss Hannah Wright, Philadelphia Cricket Club, 6-0, 6-2.
Miss Deborah Seal, Merion, defeated Mrs. Edith Hopkins, Philadelphia Cricket Club, 6-1, 6-2.

Second Round:
Mrs. R. Pope, West Side, won from Mrs. R. Lewis, Philadelphia Cricket Club, by default.
Miss Molla Bjurstedt, Norway, defeated Mrs. C. R. Wainwright, Philadelphia Cricket Club, 6-0, 6-2.
Miss M. Guthrie, Pittsburgh, defeated Miss L. Duhring, Philadelphia Cricket Club, 6-1, 6-2.
Mrs. G. Henry, Germantown, won from Miss Gertrude Hollis, Philadelphia Cricket Club, by default.

Baker on Long Cycle Trip

BOSTON, June 7.—Harold N. Baker, of Boston, started from the Statehouse just before noon today for a bicycle trip to the San Francisco and San Diego fairs. He obtained a letter from Mayor James M. Curley to Hon. James Roper, Mayor of San Francisco, and Governor Walsh sent a message to Governor Hiram Johnson of California. The cyclist started on the trip with \$5 and a supply of postcard pictures of himself which he will sell on the trip.

Point Judith Poloists Win

Point Judith polo team defeated Bay Mawr Freebooters today at Bala, Pa. points to 6.

PHIL. UNGAR WINNER

FIRST DORVAL RACE

Jockey Claver Cleverly Pilots Two-year-old to Victory in 4 1/2-furlong Dash Today.

DORVAL PARK, Montreal, Can., June 7.—Phil Ungar, with Jockey Claver, ran a good and true race this afternoon and defeated a big field entered in the first race for 2-year-olds at 4 1/2 furlongs. Broomstraw got second money, and Dainietta the show. The dash time, 54 4/5.

Summary:
First race, selling, \$100, for 2-year-olds, 4 1/2 furlongs—main course—Broomstraw, 104, Claver, 10 to 1, 5 to 1, 3 to 1, out, won; Dainietta, 102, Claver, 10 to 1, 5 to 1, 3 to 1, second; Jockey Claver, 102, Claver, 10 to 1, 5 to 1, 3 to 1, third; Time, 1:14 1/5. Mrs. J. S. Wiggins, Prides of Merion, also ran.

BLUE BONNET ENTRIES FOR RACES TOMORROW

First race, selling, \$500 added, for 3-year-olds and up, 6 furlongs—main course—Cerr Volant, 85, Maiden Bradley, saw Seawick, 105, Last Spark, 102, Cornbrook, 111, Mangan, 123, Red Point, 108, Our Malabar and Lady Spendrift, 85, Prolisart, 110, Bellin, 105, Harry Bassett, 91, Puritan Lad, 107, Sir Arthur, 105, Mona G., 80, Fish Head, 114.

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