

ALEX'S DOPE ON NATIONAL LEAGUE RACE—GOLF NOTES AND COMMENT

BALANCE, NOT LACK OF CLASS, IN NATIONAL LEAGUE, SAYS "ALEX"

Phillies' Star Amused at Cry That Clubs Are of Weak Calibre Compared With Those of Old—Now All Teams Are Hard to Beat

By GROVER CLEVELAND ALEXANDER

Almost every day you read in a newspaper, or hear some baseball "expert" express the opinion that the 1915 National League pennant race is not "the class."

Do you suppose that the Phillies ever give thought to the statements that the National League lacks "the class" this year? Get that idea out of your head. If we can win the flag, it will be recorded in the baseball history that the Philadelphia National League club won its first pennant in 1915. And 10 years from this year nobody will even mention the "class" of the league.

You know, Chicago, New York and Pittsburgh got the pennant habit. The three cities believed they had a championship trust and the fight invariably worked down to a question of which one of the three would represent the National League in the world's series.

And now they say the National League has gone back! Wonder if Pittsburgh will be added to Chicago, New York or Pittsburgh were "up there"?

I will not compare our infield with the quartet that represent Boston and Brooklyn. I will not stand them up alongside those of the Chicago Cubs of 1906 and the Athletics of 1903. And experts may make the comparisons.

Baseball always has appealed to me as a funny game. I never do not look upon it the same as do the spectators. I could name a half dozen batsmen with great reputations who always came fans to bite their fingernails when they saw them up in a pinch.

It is universally agreed that the Athletics' 1914 infield—McInnis, Collins, Barry and Egan—was the greatest quartet ever formed in the big leagues. I had an opportunity to see them play against our club in spring series, and they certainly did work with a precision and confidence that was fine.

But when Connie Mack's club played the Braves in the American League series last October, the American League series did not save them from the humiliation of four straight. I mention this now to prove to you that it is not always the "A's" that are the "climax" of the season.

A hundred and more excuses have been offered for the unexpected slip of the Athletics when they played Boston. I can't snap my fingers for any of them—save the one that says that Mack's players. All they know is that when the four games were completed the

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It was then that Bredin came to life. Recording a two on the short 10th, he won that hole, and although an inferior tee shot lost him the 11th, he advanced to the 12th when Blossom missed a putt. On the 13th Blossom put his third shot out of bounds and picked up. Getting a 3 on the 14th through sinking a ball in the lower of the contentions were Marshall, Jr., of Princeton, and the end of the first 18 holes. Blossom was 2 up on Bredin and Peacock was 2 holes to the good over Marshall.

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INTERCOLLEGIATE TENNIS CHAMPION AND TWO CONTENDERS



G. M. CHURCH and W. M. WASHBURN

GIRL SETS SWIMMING MARK

Miss Rhoads Swims From Race Street to Riverton in 2 Hours 27 Minutes

What are claimed as two new swimming records were set yesterday afternoon on the Delaware River from Race street pier to Riverton, N. J. The first was made by Miss Eleanor Rhoads, who started from the boat of Charles Durbin, at Race street, 12:32 p. m., and arrived at the pier of the Riverton Yacht Club at 2:29, covering the distance in 1 hour and 57 minutes.

LITTLE WILLIE TRIES HIS HAND, BUT MAKES ONLY ONE SHOT

A Vacation From Peanut Selling Follows—Comment on Local Golf and Golfers—Some of the Plays at Whitemarsh

Little Willie's peanut days are over for the nonce. Little Willie is the only name he has in that the huge signboard under his peanut stand at Central Park, near the busy home of the Bethlehem Steel Works. Little Willie weighs practically 400 pounds. He cuts a dashing, though somewhat peripatetic, figure under the flickering lights of his little stand. In the mornings he has nothing much to do but read the sporting page.

Next two greens, which he lost with the match. During the match Newton's famous golfer cap spun around, went backward, sideways and every other way. Ehret had come out close to par and Newton was six down at the turn. Ehret said after he had halved the next two and Newton never let up. His best shot was on the 15th, when he holed out a 40-foot shot from the rough for a bird when Ehret was dead for par four.

Cleveland and Klauder, two of Aronnik's star boarders, also had a fine session in the semi-finals. Klauder continued the sensational game he has played all through the tourney. He took a deep dip before going out and had Cleveland frown down. But Cleveland did not lose heart and playing the best he knew, he reduced the lead to three holes. But Klauder began pulling a string of dead-toed holes so that Cleveland finally had to say good-bye. Cleveland would have won the 13th and had made trouble while he was going so well but Klauder rolled up a lucky stroke right to the lip of the cup and prevented a win by his opponent.

Greer to Enter Catholic College

MISS FIELDER WINS LEXINGTON PURSE

Speedy Thoroughbred Covers 6-Furlongs in 1:13 3-5. Colle Places

LEXINGTON, Ky., Sept. 13.—Miss Fielder was not to be denied in the first race here today and won handsily from Colie and Lady Jane Grey, the contenders. The race was over the six-furlong route and the time was 1:13 3-5.

First race, selling, 2-year-olds and up, 6 furlongs—Miss Fielder, 100; Striding, 87; 25.30, 84, won; Colie, 100; Robinson, 87; 10, 44.40, second; Lady Jane Grey, 100; 10, 46.00, third. Time, 1:13 3-5. Jockey, Thos. Nash. African Race, Argent. Quartermaster, Bengel, Ken. Shadock, also ran.

Second race, purse, maiden fillies, 2-year-olds, 6 furlongs—Eloely, 110; Van Hagen, 85.40, 13.50, won; Helen Thompson, 110; 10, 44.40, second; Miss Fielder, 110; 10, 46.00, third. Time, 1:13 3-5. Jockey, Margaret P. Olive. Missie, Lady Worthington, Stasarine, Spangie, Duchess also ran.

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OLYMPIA'S BANTAM SHOW TONIGHT WELL BALANCED PROGRAM

Brandt-Bevan Match Final to All-star 116-pound Attraction—John Ertle 118-lb. Bantam Champion

WINS TITLE ON FOUL

Philadelphia fans will have an opportunity of witnessing the different ring styles of half a score of contenders for bantamweight laurels at the Olympia A. A. tonight. The all-bantam show is one of the best cards ever put together with little, however, as regards weight.

The good-night go of the all-star show will be between Billy Bevan, of Wilkes-Barre, and Hutch Brandt, of Brooklyn. The latter may meet Kid Williams in Baltimore the latter part of the month in a 10-round match at 118 pounds. The program follows: First bout—Teddy Jacobs, New York, vs. Young Higgins, Southport. Second bout—Arthur Simons, New Orleans, vs. Eddie Dale, Fairmount. Third bout—Kid Herman, Peon, Ill., vs. Joe O'Donnell, Gloucester. Fourth bout—Al Shubert, Bedford, Mass., vs. Louisiana, Southport. Fifth bout—Dutch Brandt, Brooklyn, vs. Billy Bevan, Wilkes-Barre. Sixth bout—John Ertle, St. Paul, Minn., is 118-pound champion of the world. When Kid Williams was disqualified for fouling the Westerner in the fifth round of their 10-round no-decision contest at 118 pounds, the referee awarded the fight to Ertle, the championship going with the decision. This battle was adjudged as the first championship affair in 10 years at the bantam limit, 118 pounds, but the weight articles in the agreement of the bout stated 115 pounds.

MEHREER IS CHAMPION CATCHER OF BIG FISH

Member of Lit Bros.' Official Staff Ousts Prettyman on Anglesea Outing

Another champion has been uncrowned. For a number of years James E. Prettyman of Lit Brothers Managers and Buyers' Association, has been the whole cheese when it comes to hooking 'em on the annual outing. At this year's picnic Prettyman could not attract the fish, and as a result the glory of winning the chief prize went to Lewis A. Mehreer, who caught the biggest flopper seen by the anglers. Of course!

DORIZAS AND BERRY IN PENN PRACTICE

Coaches Put Whole Football Squad in Strenuous Workout Despite Heat

PORT DEPOSIT, Md., Sept. 14.—After a day of rest the Penn team went through the usual practice this morning. All who went home returned this morning in time for the work. From now on the coaches will compel the men to remain here unless they must go to Philadelphia for exams. Mike Dorizas was on the field before any one else this morning with Line Coach Wharton. Mike has kept in wonderful shape. This year he is more determined than ever of making good at football.

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COLLEGE TENNIS TOMORROW

Matches Scheduled for Today Start at Merion

The annual intercollegiate lawn tennis tournament, originally scheduled to start on the turf courts at the Merion Cricket Club this afternoon, will not get under way until tomorrow morning.

CHESTER COUNTY FAIR

West Chester, Penna. Sept. 14, 15, 16, 17 A REGULAR FAIR EVERY DAY A BIG DAY

FOOTBALL CODE PERFECTED FOR SEASON'S PLAY

Few Changes a Tribute to the Good Work of Dr. J. A. Babbitt

POINTS IN THE REVISION

With the exception of a few minor changes, the football rules for 1915 are the same as compiled by the Rules Committee last winter.

The action of the football officials, who are the real interpreters of the rules, shows that at last the code is standardized and settled. It has been the custom in these annual gatherings to spend half of the night in squabbling and making changes. After the rules had been torn apart and patched up, the Rules Committee would send a copy of the changes to officials and coaches showing where the changes were to be made. There is no cause for delay this year and it is doubtful whether the usual plan will be followed.

IOLITE RUNS AWAY WITH DORVAL FIRST

Speedy Runner Outpaces Little Bigger and Rose Water at Five Furlongs

DORVAL PARK, Montreal, Can., Sept. 13.—Iolite won the first race at 5 furlongs here today, with Little Bigger second and Rose Water third. The time was 1:12 3-5.

GLOAMING WINNER BELMONT OPENER

Carlton G. Was Second and Ahara Third in Seven-Furlong Dash

BELMONT PARK, New York, Sept. 13.—Gloaming was doped to win the first race here this afternoon, and he did, Carlton G. being second and Ahara third. The time was 1:27 4-5.

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