

FEDERAL LEAGUE BASEBALL STAR FACES HARD BATTLE IN ENTERING MAJOR LEAGUES

BENNY KAUFF WILL ENTER ORGANIZED BASEBALL UNDER A VERY HEAVY HANDICAP

Opponents in League in Which He Plays Will "Lay" for Him Because of His Unusually Great Playing Reputation

BENNY KAUFF, leading hitter, base-runner, extra base-hitter and runner of the Federal League, will face a tremendous handicap when he enters the ranks of organized ball.

Pitchers will start a campaign against him just as they do against all other hitting stars. One pitcher will try Kauff on one delivery for a day and then the twirler who goes to the mound the next day will try another.

The same conditions will obtain when he runs the bases. Infielders will not handle him gently, as they have been tipped off to the fact that he has a slide very much like that of Cobb.

Federal League Players Say Kauff Has No Weakness

Men who jumped organized ball for the Feds and who are in a position to know, declare that Kauff has not a single weakness and that it will be a waste of time to try to find one.

A New York scribe recently wrote a josh story about Kauff, in which he made it appear that Kauff had an exaggerated opinion of himself and that Benny was boasting what he was going to do to the major league pitchers.

All Good Players Think Well of Their Own Ability

All good players think well of their own ability. Confidence is the greatest asset of players of the Cobb and Kauff type. Without it they would be ordinary ball players.

Owner Lannin, of Red Sox, Won't Grant Salary Increases

When the Federal League started its raid on organized ball two years ago Owner Lannin, of the Red Sox, one of the new magnates in the game at the time, became very much excited and signed his players at their own figures to prevent the Feds from getting them.

It will be recalled that Lannin suspended "Dutch" Leonard last summer for failing to keep in condition and gave out an interview branding the majority of ball players as "a lot of pampered heroes."

"I am not out for any of the Federal League talent and think I can do well enough with my 1915 team, but unless some of the boys show reason in their demands, I will pick up some of the surplus talent and go along without them.

Jack Fox, of Jasper, Is Real Basketball Veteran

Speaking of basketball veterans and the introduction of young blood into the Eastern League basketball teams reminds one that Jack Fox, of Jasper, has often been referred to as one of the new youngsters of the league.

In 1898, when Joe Fogarty, Bill Keenan and several other local players joined New England League teams, they found Fox playing with Holyoke, and he was looked upon as a veteran then.

Michigan to Play Undefeated Washington Eleven Next Fall

The famous University of Washington football eleven, which has not lost a game in eight seasons under Gilmore Doble, will meet the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor next fall, according to an announcement made by Fielding Yost.

Minor Leagues Fail to Profit by Peace

Peace in the baseball world was due largely to the effect the war had upon the minor leagues, but the sudden development of the peace plans probably will prove a boomerang to the smaller leagues.

Baltimore and Buffalo Fed Magnates Protest

The protest of the Baltimore and Buffalo Federal League owners was a little late coming, but it was certain to be made as soon as it became apparent that there would be no third major league.

Ted Sullivan Believes South American Trip Would Pay

Ted Sullivan has thoroughly investigated conditions in South America and believes two star ball teams could reap a rich harvest in Argentine and Brazil next winter.

The death of the original "Tip" O'Neill leaves Tom McCarthy the surviving member of the famous Welch, O'Neill and McCarthy outfield, which was a Cobb, Crawford and Veach combination in the early days of Comiskey's famous Browns.

Although he had accepted terms and agreed to sign a three-year contract to manage the Phillies, Pat Moran did not actually sign until yesterday.

The first greeting of the New Year was from Manager Pat Moran, of the Phillies, who wishes the EVENING LEDGER readers a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

HERE'S TO A LONG STRAIGHT DRIVE



JOE WRIGHT, CANADIAN STAR, WILL COACH PENN OARSMEN

Captain and Tutor of Argonaut Club to Give Amateur Services to Quaker Crews

By EDWARD R. BUSHNELL

ROWING will take a new hold on life at the University of Pennsylvania when Joe Wright, for more than 20 years captain and coach of the Argonaut Rowing Club, of Toronto, begins his duties as amateur coach of the Quaker oarsmen.

It will be Wright's first appearance as a University coach, but he brings to his task an equipment which few of America's crew coaches possess. Until the last few years Wright, who has coached all the major rowing clubs, has been an amateur coach of the Quaker oarsmen.

Another respect in which Wright has something on many of his rival coaches is that he is a serious oarsman, not a sculler. It is a curious fact that many of the oarsmen who have won their fame more by their ability as scullers than as sweep oarsmen.

Wright is extremely well known among American oarsmen, because his Argonaut crew has competed on nearly all our rowing courses. In addition, Wright has taken his crews to England, where on more than one occasion they made a strong bid for Henley honors.

There is much surprise in rowing circles that Wright should coach the Quaker oarsmen as an amateur. The fact of the matter is that Wright is not only the postmaster of Toronto, a position he held for a good many years, but he is also a member of the crew which won the American junior four-oared championship. His racing career was continuous until 1906, when he stroked the famous Argonaut eight, which was beaten by only six feet by Leander in the final of the Grand Challenge Cup of the English Henley.

In 1899 Wright stroked the first Canadian crew to carry off an American eight-oared championship, and in 1900 he stroked the eight which won the first American Henley championship on the Schuylkill. Two days later this same crew established the present record for the Schuylkill course in the People's Day regatta.

Wright was also a great sculler and was the first Canadian to win a sculling race in England when he carried off the Bedford Cup. He was also the first Canadian to win a heat in the Diamond sculls.

In addition to his fame as an oarsman, Wright was a great football player, and for 15 years did not miss a game. Not only that, but at one time he held the Canadian heavyweight wrestling championship.

Canadians swear by Wright as the ideal type of sportsman. He mixes well with his men, and has the ability to communicate his own courage and enthusiasm. He is a high type of man, physically, mentally and morally, and as such should inspire the greatest confidence among Pennsylvania men.

Pennsylvania's crew candidates will report the first of next week, and until Coach Wright is on hand to take charge of them personally Captain Chickering will do the coaching. There will be some difficulty in giving all the men the proper machine training, because there are only eight rowing machines fit to use.

DE NERI-CAMDEN PLAY FOR FOURTH PLACE POSITION

Heavy Scoring Teams in Eastern League Clash at Musical Fund

DEPEND ON OPEN PLAYS

The two heaviest scoring teams and the two which play a wide-open game meet tonight in the Eastern League holiday battle in this city, when De Neri and Camden line up at Musical Fund Hall.

Both are fighting for the top of the second division and the victor will have undisputed sway of that perch. In all three games played to date between the two clubs, heavy scoring, fast floor work and pretty passing were features.

Camden won two out of the three contests, and in the last clash played last Wednesday it set up an Eastern League scoring record for total points, field goals and assists made. It gave a wonderful exhibition, and for De Neri to beat it tonight the Southwark club will have to show a decided reversal of form.

In the preliminary game there should be a battle royal. The undefeated De Neri reserves line up against the Delco five, champions of the Delaware County League, and which has won its last 11 games.

MORRIS GUARDS FIVE OPEN SEASON TONIGHT

Several Philadelphia Teams on Atlantic City Quintet's Schedule

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Jan. 1.—The Morris Guards open their basketball season tonight with Millville High School, at the Armory here. The soldier boys, coached by Dr. Charles L. Bossert, former star of the Eastern League, will have virtually a veteran quintet which has been molded into a smoothly running machine.

The schedule announced by Manager Ralph Brode today follows: January 1—Millville High School, at home; 8, Philadelphia Central Y. J. C. A., at home; 15, Quintet, of Camden, at home; 22, Roman Catholic High School, at home; 29, St. Joseph's College, at home; February 5, Atlantic City High School, at High School; 12, open; 19, Atlantic City High School, at Armory; 26, Temple College, at home.

March 3, Atlantic City High School, at High School; 8, St. Joseph College, at Philadelphia; 15, Villanova Preparatory School, at home; 18, La Salle College, at home; 25, open.

The Randolph Boys' Club has open dates in January and February and would like to hear from first and second class teams having balls and paying a good guarantee, in or out of the city. Manager Strauss would like to hear from the following teams: Greystock Reserves, Jasper Reserves, Wildwood, Ocean City, Military Club, Atlantic City Morris Guards, Young's Million Dollar Pier, of Atlantic City, and Brownson, of Wilmington. Address: Harry Strauss, Starr Garden Park, 6th and Lombard streets.

The Bow Creek Gun Club will hold its midweek shoot today. The prize in the main event at 5 birds is a 200-pound hog.

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NEW BASEBALL LEAGUE IS PLANNED

Organization to Fill in Where Tristate Left Off Is a Possibility

ALLENTOWN, Pa., Jan. 1.—If the plans of "Al" Lawson, promoter of the Atlantic League in 1907, do not go astray, loyal baseball fans who have been disconsolate since the demise of the Tristate League will be gladdened by the organization of a new eight-team circuit this spring.

The baseball appetites of these minor league fans were whetted by Lawson's announcement that a new league is to be a reality. He names 14 towns from which the circuit can be chosen. They are Allentown, Bethlehem, Easton, Reading, Pottsville, Paterson, Elizabeth, Perth Amboy, Trenton, Chester, Wilmington, York, Lancaster and Harrisburg. Eight of the towns mentioned are former Tristate League towns. If Wilmington is included in the final makeup of the circuit, Delaware, Pennsylvania and New Jersey will again be represented by an aggregation of national pastimes.

But in the boiling down of the prospects to eight towns Lawson does not include Wilmington. In his first choice of eight clubs he names Allentown, Bethlehem, Easton, Reading, Perth Amboy and Pottsville. He points out that Sunday ball can be played in four of these towns, namely, Paterson, Elizabeth, Perth Amboy and Pottsville. In the declining days of the Tristate Sunday ball was played in Pottsville to good monetary advantage.

Lawson says he doesn't know whether the new league which is in the making will be under the protection of organized ball, what's more, he says he doesn't care. He advances the opinion that the declaration of peace in the baseball war is going to put a number of high-class players on the market, and they will not hold out for fancy salaries.

Welsh and Griffith to Meet AKRON, O., Jan. 1.—Johnny Griffith, scrapper lightweight of Ohio, and Freddie Welsh, world's champion, will meet here in a five-round bout on January 25. The champion is given a guarantee of \$5000 with a privilege of 50 per cent. of the gross.

PAST YEAR SAW GREAT SHAKE-UP THROUGHOUT THE BASEBALL WORLD

Phillies Won First Pennant, Mack Wrecked His Great Machine and Frank Baker Retired, All in 1915 Season

By CHANDLER D. RICHTER

THERE were three outstanding features in the 1915 baseball season to local fans, aside from the formation of peace between the forces of organized ball and the Federal League. Not being represented with a team in the Federal League Philadelphia had only passing interest in the baseball war.

A year ago, when the Athletics had a wonderful machine and the Phillies were striving to construct one, the fans were more or less on the anxious bench for fear the independent league would steal some of the valuable members of either team, but shortly after 1915 had been ushered in it became apparent that the Feds had ceased to play an important part in the national game as far as Philadelphia was concerned. Therefore the peace party is secondary in importance.

The winning of the first National League pennant by the Phillies, after 33 years' competition, was one of three important features and which was celebrated in a fitting manner, despite the subsequent defeat in the world's series at the hands of the Red Sox.

There can be but one winner of a world's series and this winner is often determined by the breaks of the game. The breaks unquestionably went to the Red Sox, and the Phillies were clearly off form. The defeat, however, cannot dim the brilliance of the winning of the pennant.

Connie Mack's unprecedented action in completely wrecking a championship ball team was the second great event of the year, while the retirement of Frank Baker was the third. The latter is but one small cog in the great machine of baseball, but before July 1915 he was surrounded by the retirement of the famous slugger gave the affair nationwide publicity, and as the new year comes in Baker is still in the limelight.

Years ago Bill Anderson, outfielder of the Chicago club in the days when there was but one league, the National, quit the game when at the height of his career. Lange was considered the greatest all-around player in the game at the time and the fans were shocked at the announcement that the giant had quit because of salary difference with Jim Hart, owner of the team, but before July rolled round Lange was forgotten. His name and scarcely had been mentioned since until Baker announced that he was through with the game.

Baker Retires Baker was apparently sincere when he announced his retirement, but either the lure of the game or his great financial inducements caused him to change his mind shortly after the championship season started, and he played with Upland. The peculiar stand Baker took in this matter Mack's sudden decision to break up the greatest ball team ever constructed.

The peerless Eddie Collins was sold to the White Sox in the early part of the year, but his deal was arranged and made public before 1915 was under way. This is generally looked upon as Mack's first stroke in breaking up his wonderful team, but it is certain Mack had no such intention. He had sold Collins to the White Sox, and he had released Eddie Collins was allowed to depart because the White Sox offered so much money that Mack could not afford to turn down the proposition. He also felt that Lajoie could fill the bill acceptedly and that his young pitchers would replace the veterans, Plank and Bender, who had been active in the winning of the 1913 and 1914 pennants.

Mack was sure he could spare these men and the Phillies are in a position to show that they are not a second-rate team. The Philadelphia club is generally looked upon as Mack's first stroke in breaking up his wonderful team, but it is certain Mack had no such intention. He had sold Collins to the White Sox, and he had released Eddie Collins was allowed to depart because the White Sox offered so much money that Mack could not afford to turn down the proposition.

Junior League Parkway defeated St. Elizabeth, in a Philadelphia Junior League game at the Boy's Club last night by the score of 26 to 22. Line-up: McElreid, pitcher; ...

FEW NEW GOLF CHAMPIONS DEVELOPED DURING SEASON

1915 Proves Slow Year on Links—Travers Annexes Open Title—Mrs. Vanderbeck Wins Eastern and National Honors

LOOKING backward through the year just closed, it only takes a glance to show that in a golf way, at least, 1915 accomplished little toward developing new championship material. This more particularly applies to the three national tournaments—the amateur, open and women's. All these were won by seasoned exponents of the game.

Jerome D. Travers, the Upper Montclair player, won the open title at Baltusrol, and if his success came as a surprise, it was only because of his being an amateur. These national open titles are as good as conceded beforehand to some professional, the only other instance of an amateur gaining the coveted honor being in 1912, when Francis Ouimet defeated Vardon and Ray in that famous play-off at Brookline.

Before Travers teed up for the open he had won the amateur title on four different occasions. In the opinion of many, he had seen his best days as a golfer, yet with characteristic pluck and determination Jerry led one of the strongest fields ever assembled in America. It takes concentration and study to triumph over the mental as well as the actual hazards encountered during 72 holes of championship medal play, where every stroke means so much.

When the last putt had been holed and the winner carried off on the shoulders of his friends it was found that the amateur's margin was only a single stroke over Tom McNamara, the Boston homebred, whose staidness has earned him at one time or another nearly all the important open titles except the national. Home Talent to Fore McNamara, however, like Walter Hagen, the previous winner, Francis Ouimet in 1913, and John J. McDermott, twice prior to that, did his share toward keeping the homebred talent to the fore. The fact that for five consecutive open meetings the resident "pros" have been beaten off by the native-born players speaks volumes for the standard of excellence attained by the Americans.

When the amateurs gathered at the Country Club of Detroit the latter part of August for the amateur tournament Travers was fancied by many to add to his list of titles. He was, however, defeated by Charles W. Evans, Jr., had large followings, and the fact that all three were brushed aside by players who in turn were eliminated ere the final round was reached illustrated still further the uncertainties of this elusive game.

"Long Game" Won In the meantime, Robert A. Gardner, the erstwhile Yale player, had been going along in a manner that had gained him new followers with each succeeding round. When he defeated Sawyer everybody took notice, and when he downed the semifinal bracket his hardest task had been completed. Gardner's exceptionally long game proved too much for John G. Anderson in the decisive teat. It was back in 1897 that Gardner first won the amateur title. Before the Detroit tournament he had changed to the Vardon grip, and it may be that this had something to do with the general improvement in his game, which was better in all departments than at any previous time in his career.

HAPPY NEW YEAR JACK MCGUINAN National A. C. National A. C. THIS AFTERNOON, AT 2:30 SHARP JOHNNY DUNDEE vs. JOE AZERIO FRANKIE CONNOR vs. PAUL MURPHY SAM ROBBIDEAU vs. FRANK MULLER EDDIE WAGDON vs. JOE MALONE JOE HUNT vs. BANNY JULLIS FRANKIE McMANUS vs. RAY RIVERS OLYMPIA A. A. Broad & Bainbridge NEW YEAR'S STALEY McFARLAND YOUNG SANDOW vs. BOBBY McLEOD RUD THOMAS vs. CHARLEY McFARLEY H. A. STEWART vs. STANLEY HASKIN EDDIE CAMPBELL vs. WILLIE BROWN LEW TENDLER vs. WILLIE BROWN JOE WELSH vs. BENNY LEONARD Adm. 25c, Bal. res. 50c, Arise res. 12c 14

EVENING LEDGER MOVIES—BLESSSED IS THE MAN TODAY WHO "WHITE LIGHTED" NOT LAST EVENING—IF THERE IS ONE

