

CONNIE MACK HAS WONDERFUL RECRUIT FOR THIRD BASEMAN IN LAWTON WITT

HARRY DAVIS PICKED UP ABLE YOUNGSTER TO FILL FRANKLIN BAKER'S SHOES

Traveling Man Who Has Found Many Stars Declares Witt Will Make Mack Great Third Baseman

IF A CERTAIN traveling gentleman who knows baseball from the ground up is to be believed, a lad named Lawton Witt, a schoolboy from Goddard Seminary, in Massachusetts, has the third base position on the Athletics clinched for next summer...

When asked if he was really counting upon Witt and was not merely taking him South to fill in, hoping he would develop in a few years, Manager Mack said: "To tell you the truth I am banking very strongly on this youngster..."

Mack Has Confidence in Witt

Witt graduated from Goddard Seminary last June and went to Shawhegan, Me., to play with a hotel team. A friend of Mack's from Boston tipped him off to the youngster and Harry Davis was sent to look him over...

Mrs. "Pop" Anson Never Was Official Scorer. We hate to spoil a perfectly good story, the one intimating that "Cap" Anson's wife was a great help to him in compiling his famous batting average...

Mrs. Brown Shrewd Enough to Become Manager. Mrs. Brown was related to Jim Hart and was known as one of the shrewdest baseball experts in the country...

Navin Thinks Braves' Owners Have Hard Fight on Hands. At the annual banquet of the "Winter League" in Boston, Percy Haughton, new president of the "Braves," said: "I thought I was falling into something soft when I entered baseball..."

First Three Years Will be Hard on New Owners. The new owners of the Boston Club will be very lucky indeed if they can hold up under the financial burden they are carrying, said Navin...

Bill Carrigan, who undertakes the situation in Boston about as well as anybody, then voiced his opinion as to where Gaffney stands with his marvelous and expensive new park...

The New York Giants are taking Roy Eleh, the Upland outfielder, to the training camp at Marlton. This lad looks like a natural hitter and has a chance to stick as utility outfielder...

Otto Knabe claims that Hickman, who played in the outfield for the Baltimore Cubs under the name of Hicks, during the latter part of last season, is one of the best looking youngsters he has seen in years...

It was reported here last night that Billy Gibson, manager of Benny Leonard, was declaring for a bout between the new lightweight sensation and Champion Fred Welsh in New York...

The New York American League club has signed a long-term contract with the owners of the Giants for the use of the Polo Grounds and it is doubtful if Huston and Ruppert will exercise the option they hold on a property upon which they were going to build a new park...

It is rather difficult to get a line on the relative strength of the independent collegiate basketball teams of the State. Pitt apparently had a clear road to the title when it defeated Yale, Swarthmore and State so easily...



PENNSYLVANIA RELAY TEAM IS AGAIN STRONG

If Record for Mile Event Is Again Broken, Red and Blue Should Do It

THE BIG FEATURES

The University of Pennsylvania ought to have another invincible one-mile relay team. Not only that, but if their present world record of 3 minutes 18 seconds, when they beat Harvard, is to be broken, the Quakers themselves are the team to break it...

All indications in advance of the race pointed to a Harvard victory. The "Crimson" had the same team as a year ago, while Pennsylvania was running two new men. But the new men made good and showed that they are better than the men they displaced...

From the Pennsylvania standpoint the feature of the race was the fine running of Dorsey and Lennon. Dorsey took the place of Frank Kaufman and Lennon succeeded Don Lippincott. Kaufman is still in the University, but has not rounded into shape. Naturally, he hopes to win back his place, but he will have to run better than he did last year, because Dorsey has improved several yards over his 1915 form...

With Lippincott uninjured he would be a better man than Lennon, but the latter is more valuable than Lippincott in his injured condition of 1915. Lennon has proved himself a sterling runner indoors, and there is no reason why he should not beat 30 seconds outdoors. Joe Lockwood is beginning to round into condition, so that in any way the team is viewed the Quakers ought to be faster than they were last year...

Harvard may or may not be faster than in 1915. The present one-mile team is the same that Penn beat indoors a year ago, but not the same as the Quakers beat outdoors. Penn's indoor runner, who ran indoors, were succeeded by Capner and Tower for the outdoor race. The latter two have now graduated so that Pennsylvania and Coacher are the best of the quarter-mileers left.

Bowling Alley Topics

"Count" John Gengler, the mysterious Italian bowler who failed to appear on local lists, will try his skill as a member of a Hoboken, N. J., five-man team, which will play at the American Congress tournament in Toledo March 4.

The leaders of the Artisan League were in first place in Section A series, dropping two games to Hartman. Only one of the latter team reached the double century mark, this being Hopkins, who knocked down 214 in one first game.

Kilne was in good form for the Underwood squad last night, as he totaled 669 pins for his effort, getting in successful scores of 212, 248 and 219.

The Keystone Bowling squads are scheduled tonight on Keystone Alley, while the National League "Lads" will resume its games on the Terminal drives.

George Moss smashed out a 267 count for Progressive in the first game last night.

Progressive was in fair form for a squad which is in seventh place, by registering scores of 248, 219 and 206 against Adelphi, who try in second position. The defeat ended the final game, when the runner-up totaled 919.

McOrkie, of Adelphi, hung up a 622-pin score last night, improving with each game. He began with 180, and followed with 218 and 224, the latter score helping to turn the tide against Progressive.

Roosters failed to gain on Northwestern and suffered a triple underdog. The team, as a whole, failed to solve the alley to any extent. But was led capably by Mike Johnson and Hayes failed to reach 110 pins in any of their games.

Norwestern, No. 1, squad used seven men in its series against Roosters.

Campbell's single game score in the first contest with Northwestern, 228, was high for his squad.

Norwestern, No. 2, quietest beat Union two games and strengthened its first place position.

Double seven tallies were rare in Section B's play of Artisan's tournament last night. Those who passed this mark were Rehmier, of Intertown, with 211 in his second game against Hartman; Felix, of the latter team, in his second game; Coacher, of Oak Lane, and Welsh, of Northwestern, No. 2.

MATHEWSON MAY GO SOUTH THIS YEAR FOR LAST TIME

"Old Master" Starts His Sixteenth Major League Campaign When Giants Open the 1916 Season

By GRANTLAND RICE

CHRISTY MATHEWSON is packing his grip today for his sixteenth trip to the training zone of Sunland. The question now is—will this be his last jaunt over Dixie's spring border, or will he be able to foil Fate for a few seasons longer by eliminating the "malady in his left shoulder, while boiling out under Texas skies?"

An Institution. Matty, we started to say, was a New York institution. But he is also a national institution through the great credit he has given his country's leading sport.

July, 1900. Mathewson joined the Giants in July, 1900, and pitched his first game against Brooklyn on July 17. In that first battle he lasted but four innings before a fusillade of swats drove him to cover. He made three starts that first campaign and each brought him defeat. So his first year's average was exactly and precisely .009.

The March of Time. Matty has been going South with the Giants each spring for so many years that few can believe that this may be his last journey to Baldom's sunbelt.

The Why of It. Why, you may ask, has Mathewson been lifted to such a pedestal?

Being the sort of an institution he is, there is more than local interest in Matty's battle against "Time" and "Fate" in Marlton. You might wonder what he has to offer. But Big Six is close upon 36 years of age—nearly six in some professions, but beyond the gray prime of pitching.

Mathewson himself doesn't know whether he will be able to take his regular turn this summer. But we happen to know that he feels keen about pitching now than ever in his life before. As much as he has meant to the game, he has never realized before just how much the game has meant to him.

ARMY AND NAVY AGAIN TO PLAY IN NEW YORK

Representatives of Service Schools Agree to Stage Grid-iron Match on Polo Grounds

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—While no official announcement of the fact has been made as yet, the Army-Navy football game this fall will be played at the Polo grounds. Representatives of the service schools met President Harry N. Hempstead, of the Giants, at the Biltmore Hotel yesterday when it was understood a tentative agreement was reached as to the scene of the gridiron classic of 1916. An official announcement will be made Friday.

A year ago the Army and Navy officials had a very serious argument over the matter of grounds, so serious that at one time it appeared as if the institutions might sever football relations. The Navy, which had been beaten on its first trip to New York, offered serious objections to the Polo grounds.

Driving Club Election. Election of officers of the Philadelphia County Driving Club follows: President, James C. Morrison; vice president, Walter H. Worthington; secretary, S. M. Boarding; treasurer, Ralph Simons; board of directors, E. O. Mauger, James Keenan, W. H. Worthington, J. W. Babbington, William L. Hayes, William H. Lingo, S. M. Boarding, George V. Dean, Samuel P. Knight, A. S. Faxon, Ralph Simons and C. H. Medford.

Penn Crews on River Saturday. Penn's crews will get out on the water Saturday afternoon, according to Coach Wright. The Red and Blue aspirants have been practicing on the Schuylkill for a month and are in fairly good shape.

Huhn and Brooke Win. Although they had to give their opponents half the game, W. H. T. Huhn and George Brooke defeated James Potter and John B. Longene in the final round of the court tennis doubles handicap of 1915, at the Racquet Club yesterday, by three sets to none.

OLYMPIA A. A. Broad & Bainbridge. MONDAY NIGHT, 8:30 SHARP. NELL McINTOSH vs. MARY McINTOSH. JOE McFALLEN vs. HOLLY WOODS. ELLIOTT vs. JERRY McINTOSH. JOHNNY PALMER vs. WILLIE DOYLE.

PENN BUT HALF GAME IN LEAD OVER TIGERS

Victory for Princeton Keeps Team in Running for Collegiate Title

JASPER BEATS CAMDEN

Standing of the Teams

Table with 4 columns: Team, W.L.P.C., W.L.P.C., W.L.P.C. Penn 9 2 259 Yale 4 2 531 Princeton 4 2 554 Cornell 1 1 143

SCHEDULE FOR REMAINDER OF WEEK. Friday—Cornell vs. Columbia, at New York. Saturday—Yale vs. Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia; Dartmouth vs. Princeton, at Princeton.

Penn's basketball team arrived home today with but a half game advantage over Princeton. The Tigers kept themselves in the running for the championship of the Intercollegiate Basketball League by taking a fast and hard fought game with the Quakers at Princeton last night by a 28 to 20 count.

It was one of the most hotly contested games of the season, and though Princeton led throughout, Pennsylvania was always within striking distance. The work of Captain McNichol alone kept the Pennsylvania team in the race, for during the first half no other Red and Blue player was able to score a goal, and not till the end of the game was there any semblance of accurate shooting by the other Pennsylvania forwards.

The whirlwind passing and lightning shooting of the Tiger five completely bewildered the Pennsylvanians, and the visiting guards seemed entirely unable to penetrate the Tiger front. The Princeton men, though the Pennsylvania five uncovered a swift passing game and continually worked the ball up to within easy scoring distance, the shooting power was lacking. Time and again a basket would be missed by a hair's breadth, the closeness of many of the shots keeping the vast crowd gasping with excitement.

Table with 4 columns: Team, W.L.P.C., W.L.P.C., W.L.P.C. Greystock 21 10 67 De Nerl 16 17 45 Camden 18 17 514 Trenton 12 21 364

TONIGHT'S SCHEDULE. Greystock at Jasper.

The Jasper quintet gave Camden's pennant the other evening, and when the Kensington boys won an extra-period game in the Eastern League basketball series by a score of 33 to 31. It was one of the most exciting finishes to any game played in the league this season.

In the extra period Adams and Sedran each tossed a foul shot, and then, on a long pass from Friedman, Fox got the ball and dropped the winning field goal.

BASKETBALL NOTES

That little setback by Reading will make De Nerl work extremely hard if the Duddies wish to finish in the first division.

Greystock will invade the precinct of Kensington this evening and give battle to the close-covering Jasper five. After Jasper's battle with Camden last night a victory for the Greys wouldn't surprise many.

For some reason or other former press agents of the Eastern League are taking flies out of the manager's teeth. One would score in haste to the wall that the Eastern was going to close up shop, but it won't. A thorough overhauling wouldn't hurt the league, however.

Chestnut Hill Academy will play the alumni of the school Saturday evening. This is the main event on the Chestnut Hill schedule.

George Norman, the former Interstate player, made a good impression in the few minutes that he played with Reading against De Nerl. He will replace Bueger in the Reading formation, as the latter's ankle will prohibit him from playing any more this season.

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SWIMMING HAS SPEEDY GROWTH IN LAST 15 YEARS

Performance of Experts Shows Aquatics Have Risen to High Estate

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Fifteen years ago swimming was an infant in swaddling clothes; today it is a vigorous lad past the period of adolescence and far advanced on the rosy highway of maturity. To trace the progress of swimming would be to outline the march of events in the life of one of our most universal sports, one that had its inception in the old mill pond or the quarry hole, and one which today stands pre-eminent in our clubs and colleges. Its growth has been marvelous.

Swimming—competitive swimming—the last 15 years has made such sensational strides that it can be likened to the ridget in the Seven-league Boots. The records made in 1901 by experts, recalled, are today overshadowed and hidden in shame by the novice, the colossus of these international games; all upon as meritorious.

The meteoric progress made by the sport is shown best by the American swimmer in competition. Our first big triumph at Stockholm, Sweden, in 1912, at the international Olympic games, was due to the fact that this was the only success registered by the standard-bearers of the United States at these international games; all other representatives of this country took water.

This first international triumph, however, four years after showed itself to be a shadow in the light of a larger success. In 1908 the American Olympic team competed in London, and although our British hosts planned and plotted to fleece us out of the team prize—an shown by their juggling of the point and the name of the episode—they were unable to check, among other victories, the recurrent success of Daniels in the sprints. Rich, of Chicago, won places in the final.

But the best evidence of the steady growth of swimming in this country was manifested in the Olympic games at Stockholm, Sweden, in 1912. At this international event, our American swimmer, Kahanamoku, our Hawaii representative, and Huzzagh, another Chicagoan, captured first and third respectively.

The wonderful work of Kahanamoku is accorded many records both in the tank and in open water. He is called Duke as many suppose, but simply carries this name because his parents did not choose to call him David or Donald. He is also called "The workhorse" for spending most of his time in the big green combers that wash the shores of the Island of Oahu. His cousin, Akana, played first base several years ago at the University of Hawaii baseball team that tours the United States every summer.

Of course, this holder of many swimming records is not a product of our swimming clubs, but nevertheless is considered an American. His advent in 1912 played a large part in the work of the United States to smash. His world's record of 1:14 seconds for the 100 yards straightaway, made last year in Honolulu; 1 minute 3.5 seconds for 100 metres at Hamburg, and 1 minute 32 seconds for the 100 yards, are destined to stand as monuments for a long time.

Swimming, of course, is far out in front as one of the best forms of exercise when taken in moderation. It develops virtually every muscle in the system, is a producer of strength combined with grace, and is one of the best workdays of life. In many of the schools and colleges—Princeton, for example—it is as much a part of the curriculum as algebra and geometry.

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