PHIL J. HATELE ATHLETICS' CHANCES TO LAND IN THE FIRST DIVISION GOOD, SAYS CON

CONNIE MACK EXPECTS HIS ATHLETICS TO FINISH THIS SEASON IN FIRST DIVISION

Tiogan Claims He Will Have a Pitching Staff That Will Open the Eyes of

Baseball Fans TF STELLBAUER, the Peorla recruit outfielder, and Lawton Witt, the schoolboy I third baseman, come through as well as Manager Mack expects, the Tiogan has an idea that the Athletics may surprise the baseball world by finishing in the

stret division. Stellbauer and Witt are green youngsters and are uncertainties,

but Mack has great confidence in both. Mack declared recently in Jacksonville that his pitching staff would be as strong, if not so experienced, as any in the league by the first of July, and that he would have a team playing first division ball from that time on. There is no denying that the Athletics' recruit pitching material is above the average, and we must admit that Connie was right when he refused to bid for two Federal League hurlers who were on the market. An attempt was made to sell Mack two Federal League pitchers at the American League meeting in New York, but he refused to buy. He stated that he could hardly improve upon his pitchers and

will stand pat. This was a most unusual statement, considering the miserable hurling of the Mack staff in 1915, and Mack was put on the griddle by the press throughout the country, but the same gentlemen who were criticising probably will change their minds when the youngsters now working out in Florida get the necessary

Connie Mack Playing a "Hunch" Mack is playing a "hunch" in banking on Stellbauer, as he has been after the boy for three years, but could never locate him. Stellbauer was playing with Rice Institute, in Texas, in 1913, when Con Lucid, the old Philly pitcher, who coaches Rice, recommended him to Mack. The Athletics were training at San Antonio at the time, and Connie looked him over.

He was so much impressed that he tried to sign Stellbauer at once, but the lad put him off until after he was graduated in 1914. Mack wrote several letters and then sent several wires, but received no answer. That was the last he heard of Stellbauer until he unexpectedly saw him playing with Peoria on the day he went to Davenport to see Pitcher Gould work.

This one journey to see Gold, a pitcher passed up by Mack, resulted in the purchasing of Stellbauer and Tom Sheehan from Peorla and Catcher Meyers from Davenport. Mack recognized Stellbauer at once and made up his mind that he still wanted him. Stellbauer is a right-handed thrower and hitter, and stands six feet in height.

Bressler Looks to Be in Shape

The opinion is unanimous among the Mackmen that Rube Bressler, the erratic southpaw, is coming back and will repeat the wonderful work he displayed in 1914. Manager Mack also declares that he sees no reason why Bressler should not be one of the greatest southpaws in the country, but Connie hesitates in boosting the youngster because the Rube disappointed him so badly last year after Mack had stated that he was another Plank.

It is well known that Mack made little effort to hold Plank after the Gettysburg veteran kicked up the traces over salary, because he was confident Bressler would be a wonder. Instead of continuing where he left off in 1914, Bressler went completely to pieces last year.

Mack attributes his poor season to lack of confidence, due to his failure to get into shape early in the season; but Ira Thomas believes Bressler lost his step and that his wildness was due to an unnatural delivery.

It is imperative that Bressler regain his 1914 form or Mack will have to look for another southpaw, as both Mellinger and Ray are not ready for major league duty, unless they show unheard of improvement in the two weeks remaining before the barnstorming trip north begins.

Ray Fields His Position Poorly

Ray has everything in the pitching line, but is a miserable fielder, and does not seem able to absorb the teaching of Mack and Thomas. Nabors was a poorer fielder than the Greenboro southpaw when the squad started work, but he is improving wonderfully and now is not much below the average, whereas Ray looks worse each day, according to the reports from Jacksonville,

Mellinger is only a kid and will improve, but probably would benefit by another season in the minors. He has a world of "stuff," but does not know what to do with it and also is unable to field his position. As Bressler, Ray and Mellinger are the only southpaws on the squad, it is up to the Rube to come through, as one good left-hander is badly needed.

Bressler is confident he will have a good season and his arm is in splendid shape. Last season Bressler was over weight and slow, but he is now only a few pounds over weight and is as fast as any pitcher on the team. Rube ate too much last summar and consequently had little ginger. He is on a diet at the present time and, if he sticks to it, should be in wonderful physical condition when the season opens. If Bressler can come back, Mack will have the foundation for a staff similar to the famous 1910 corps.

Odd Test for Dartmouth Managers

No longer can a man aspire to a manager's office of a Dartmouth athletic team because of his popularity. He must be able to answer correctly if Smith is taller than Jones. So efficient has become the system at Dartmouth now that a have his mind analyzed, scrutinized, mesmerized and tabulated by experts to find out with what rapidity and accuracy it works.

Graduate Manager Pender, of the Dartmouth Athletic Council, sent 28 canidates for managerial offices to the psychological laboratory to interview Professor Moore. The results of the interview were headaches, grouches, cynicism and pessimism. The professor bombarded the men with rapid-fire questions to determine their thinking ability and speed of action.

The first volley of questions were: Brown is shorter than Smith. Smith is shorter than Jones, therefore Brown is shorter than Jones. Right or wrong? Brown is taller than Jones, Brown is shorter than Smith, therefore Smith is shorter than Jones? Smith is shorter than Jones, Smith is taller than Brown, therefore Jones is shorter than Brown? Jones is taller than Brown. Jones is shorter than Smith, therefore Brown is shorter than Smith? Fifty such questions were hurled at the hapless candidates.

Working under time limits and stress the following were asked: Give the wrong answer to how many days are there in a week. When are the nights longer, in the winter or summer? In two minutes give all the suggestions that you can think of for the improvement of student activities for the athletic relations with other colleges and for the improvement of managerial duties.

Interest Increasing in Indoor Meets

The big indoor athletic meet scheduled for tonight in Louisville, Ky., shows that the interest in this winter sport is not only increasing in the East. but is gaining headway throughout the country. It is only recently that the South has shown any interest at all in indoor meets. The main reason for this is that few good track and field athletes are ever on Southern teams.

If a man becomes really proficient in this branch of sports he usually goes to Western or Eastern university, where he can make a reputation. This was the case with Nate Cartmell, Penn's great runner. In fact, it was in Louisville that Cartmell began his great sprinting career as a member of the Louisville Male high school track team.

Penn's relay team is expected to make a fine showing Saturday against Princeton, Michigan and the other teams that will be represented.

According to a story which appeared in this paper recently under a New York date line, the University of Pittsburgh was refused entrance into the Intercollegiate Association because of an unfavorable report turned in by Paul Thompson, of the University of Pennsylvania.

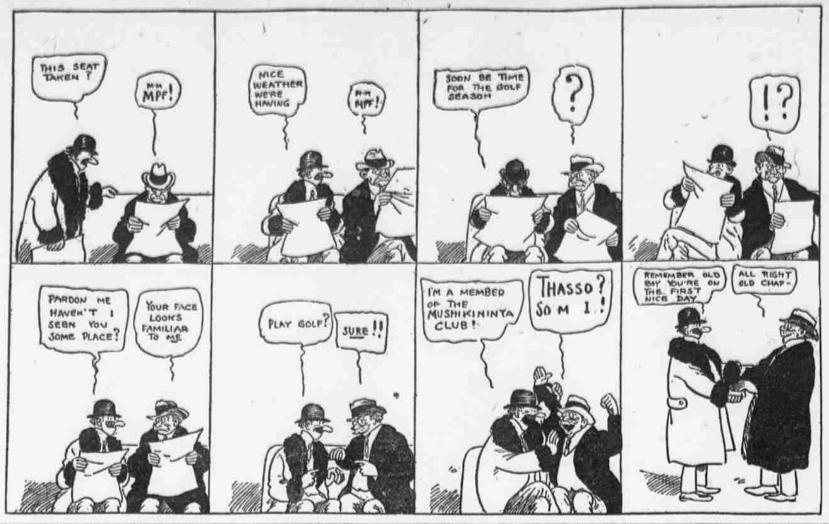
As a matter of fact, Mr. Thompson made no such report for obvious reasons. In the first place he was not at the meeting and secondly, Pitt's application was not "turned down" because of an unfavorable vote by Penn's representative, because the Red and Blue representative voted for Pittsburgh's application for membership in the organization.

Lawton Witt's career is well known to Philadelphians, but Mack, in describing Witt to Ira Thomas declared that he was a "double" of Terry Turner, of Cleveland, in looks, build, walk and manner. Mack is of the opinion that this youngster is going to be the third-base cog in his new machine, though Pick's experience may give him the call during the early part of the season.

Johnny Evers has changed his style of batting, and is hitting 'em a mile down uth. However, Jawn's voice has been affected by a cold and he has more of a chance to keep his mind on his work.

Speaking of baseball-baskethallers, Jackie Adams, forward and captain of the Camden team, will probably play shortstop for the Cape May club this season.

MOVIE OF TWO MEN BECOMING ACQUAINTED



YOUNG ERNE TO TRY COME-BACK ATHLETICS WILL STUNT AGAINST COLLEGE BOXER

"Yi-Yi," After Months of Idleness, Meets Mike O'Dowd in Final at National Tonight

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL TOUNG ERNE, who has done his share

Y in putting Gray's Ferry on the map. will endeavor to stage a comeback at the National tonight, when he clashes with a youngster-Michael O'Dowd is his namein the final bout of the evening. For months Mr. Erne has



been trying to con-vince the matchmak-ers in our city that ers in our city that he is far from being all in, but Jack Ma-Guigan is the only one who has taken him seriously. Jack is giving "YI-Yi" one more chance to show what he can do and at the same time in. at the same time introduce a brand-new face to the cash cus-This O'Dowd per-

R. W. MAXWELL on-for it is he and none other-has made quite a record in the West and is regarded as a wonderful knockout artist. He is said to have flattened many aspiring boxers in his short career and left a trail of busted reputations behind him.

But Michael has not always been a boxer. He took up this ladylike sport after serving his time on the football field in St. Paul after serving his time on the footban near after serving his time on the footban near in St. Paul, when he played quarterback on a college team. O'Dowd was an excellent player and had just learned to punch lent player and had just learned to punch with both hands when the other colleges with both hands when the other colleges held a meeting and decided that he was been changed by the property of too rough to mingle with the studious ath-letes. Since that time Mike has been making good use of his college education, and won his K. O. degree without taking a post-graduate course.

In Young Erne, Mr. O'Dowd will meet very tough battler and the bout should be quite interesting. It will give us a line on this college person—if the press agent stuff is true—who lays claim to the welterweight title of these United States

Johnny Mealy, who starred with De Gan last week, plays a return engagement to-night, meeting Solly Burns, of Los An-geles. Frankie White meets Abe Kabageles. Frankie White meets with Jimmy koff, Eddie Wagond clashes with Jimmy Roses up against Duffy and Preston Brown goes up against Leo Johnson in the curtain raiser.

Muggsy Has a New Line

Muggsy Taylor, the Broadway Impres-sario, has been serving on the jury for the past two weeks. He has absorbed all sorts of legal knowledge and now is in possession of an entirely new line of conversation. When saked to give an interpretation of the Texas Tommy Twist, Mr. Taylor knitted his brows, paced the or and spoke as follows:
"Absolutely ignoring the pendente elite

aspect of the case, and strictly speaking de profundus, it is extremely difficult to give a transparent decision which would hold at law. For the sake of argument, we will assume that Mr. O'Leary is the party of the first part and—well, ah, say, er, Benny Leonard the party of the second part. That much may be assumed without danger of interference either by writ of habeas corpus or mandamus pro-

'Now, we will continue to assume that "Now, we will continue to assume that Mr. O'Leasy grasped Mr. Leonard by the arm, forcibly whirled him around and then struck him violently on the point of the chin with his fist which is incased with heavy padding, sometimes referred to as the ordinary boxing giove. This brings us to the main point of the case. What has become of the corpus delicti!"

Darby Is Suspicious

"I seen a guy slip somethin' under his overcoat just a minute ago," observed Darby Kelly suspiciously. "You can't be safe no place any more. You can't leave

a thing—"

Mr. Taylor scowled at Mr. Kelly and went on patronizinaly:

"You are very much mistaken, my dear young friend. I am speaking ipso facto and solely in regard to the signum tauri, or sign of the buil. I see no reason why it shouldn't be. The law in this matter is perfectly clear, as you will note if you have followed me closely. This avoids the intricate procedure along the lines of rea adjudicata, which would have brought the case before the Supreme Court for ultibefore the Supreme Court for ulti-

Darby Helly, manager of Johnny

Evening Ledger Decisions of Ring Bouts Last Night

NONPAREIL — Knockout Baker drew with Ralph Erne, Percy Aubrey shaded Andy Burns, Mike Malone stopped Andy Crowley in the third, Young Tommy Coleman wan from Eddle Morton, Bill Billings bent Young Dickey.

QUAKER CITY — Charley Thomas defeated Young Palmer, Battling Mills won from Harry Sullivan, Danny Costello knocked out Joe Smith in the second, Johnny Mctilaty quit to Freddy Miller in the fourth, Tommy Sharp and Johnny Kelly drew.

GAYETY—Bimmy White won from Eddle GAYETY—Jimmy White won from Eddie Walkers, Johnny Baker and Walter Gross drew, Young Higgins defeated Albert Julian, Andy Rivers outpuinted Kid Wal-lace.

NEW YORK—Benny Leonard knocked out Shamus O'Brien in the seventh, Georgie Thompson outfought Eddie Selgel. ST. PAUL-Mike Gibbons outclassed Jeff MILWAUKEE-Fred Fulton knocked out Jim Flynn in the second.

GIRARDVILLE—Jackle Clarke defeated Tommy Coleman, Bull Czarnesky won from Kid Malia. SYRACUSE—Bob Devere drew with Bat-tiling Levinsky. NORTHAMPTON, Mass.—Eddie Dorsey shaded Lee Johnson

and, after dropping \$500 in perfectly good, spendable money on our deak, de-livered the following oration: "This bundle of dough goes for a forfeit

later as a side bet when O'Leary meets Benny Leonard. I am doing every-thing in my power to get the match, and I want to see if money can take a part in the conversation. the conversation. I am putting up \$500 because it is the extent of the bankroll. If I had \$5,000,000, I'd put it up just the same. Johnny will make 133 pounds, the lightweight limit for Benny, and if his property is the converse of the co and any place. I know Johnny can beat him."

If Johnny Ertle was anxious to work every night in the week he could find plenty of matches. Every bantam in and around this city is anxious for a and challenges are hurled at Kewpie from all sides. Lew Tendler is anxious to mingle with little Jawn, but to date he has made no headway.
"I have been trying for weeks to get

"I have been trying for weeks to get a match with Ertle," walled Fhil Glausman, manager of Tendler. "I saw Mike McNulty in New York and begged him to let Johnny box Tendler here. Mike was willing, provided I gave him \$200 from our end of the purse. I couldn't see it, but I guaranteed Ertle \$1000 for a sixbut I guaranteed Ertle \$1000 for a sixcontest and is was turned down flat, if Ertle has any claim to the bantamweight championship, as he says he has, then he is a poor champion. It looks as if he was afraid to get into the ring with any one but a dub."

SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS

"I claim the featherweight championship of the world for George Change," is the wire Hen Hietzer has sent throushout the country, "Killbane and Dunn falled to appear in Haiti-more for their match, March 17, after signing a contract dictated by them."

Ballor Grands has a busy campaign mappe out for him by Dan Morgan. The Valls; middlewight has been matched for thre bouts, viz.: March 25, Al Rogers, Buffalo April 5, the "best man procurable, Providence and five days later, Bill McKinnon, Boston.

Steve Latzo will be on the side lines for eral webs. He is suffering from an attack pneumonis. Latzo was forced to cancel his tich with Freddy Kelly at Hazelton last

BE FEATURE IN FLAG RACE SOON

Team to Be Back on Top "Sooner Than Fans Believe," Says Mack

AWAIT REGULAR PLAYERS

By CHANDLER D. RICHTER

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., March 18 .- Two of the greatest baseball fans in the United States watched the Athletics work out at Barr's Fleid today. They are J. S. Free-man, of Oklahoma City, Okla., and his fe. Mr. and Mrs. Freeman have been eight major league training camps this spring and hope to stop at four others before returning home.

Both are 33d degree fans and have been planning this trip for several years. Neither has ever seen a world's series game nor have they been to more than a dozen major league contests, but there is noth-ing in the) way of baseball that escapes them. Mrs. Freeman is as crazy over the game as her husband, and both declared it was the happiest moment of their lives they were introduced to Manager

Mack was just as well pleased to meet the Freemans, and fanned with them for half an hour, despite the fact that it was the busiest period of the work-out. great fans had never seen a world's series contest, and insisted that he would see that seats were reserved for them the next time the Mackmen played in the

The vistors asked Mack when that might be, and Connie replied: "Much sooner than most people believe."

They brought word that the Detroit Tigers have made a wonderful impres-sion on the San Antonio fans, who compare the team with the famous Mack machine, which trained in that city when at its best. The pitching staff lost the pennant last season, but the addition of Laudermilk and James, of the Browns; Erickson, of the Feds, and Cunningham and Marshall, from the Southern League, appears to have bolstered up this depart-ment. Jennings told Freeman Detroit would have the strongest team it has had since he has been at the helm, and predicted the Tigers would win the pennant with quite a few games to spare.

The best work-out of the training sea-on was enjoyed. The pitchers did not son was enjoyed. resort to curve ball pitching this morning Manager Mack preferring to wait until the afternoon when it would be warmer.

Morrisette reported sick this morning and was advised to remain away from the field, while Weaver also was unable to practice, although his leg was much bet-ter today. Crowell was a trifle lame as the result of being hit by one of Ray's fast balls while batting in the practice game yesterday afternoon.

Regulars Due Monday

Manager Mack is glad that the regulars are due on Monday, as some of the hurlers are becoming restless. The games for the last three days have been rather listless affairs, as the batterymen have lost interest in them owing to the hard The Mackmen again will depart from

the old custom of resting on the Sabbath and a short work-out will be held Sunday afternoon. A few of the men who are in excellent shape will be permitted to take a day off and probably will go fishing.

While many of the party would like to have spent a few days at Palm Beach, they were just as well pleased at the cancellation of the games with the Braves at the funous winter resort. The old

at the famous winter resort. chedule would have necessitated an extra one-day stand with a night jump from Miami. These trips are anything but pleasant and the men believe they will be in much better shape with the new ar-rangement calling for three games at Miami and two her, with the Braves.

Two Hockey Players Protested HOUGHTON, Mich., March 18.—Charles E. Webb, president of the American Amateur Hockey Association, said he would aftent the oligibility of Players Bonney and Wellington of the St. Paul team. A protest had been filed against St. Paul's winning the Poss cup at Montreal Thursday night on the ground that the men were installed. The profest was filed by the Lachina Club. Laching lost to Mt. Paul 7 to 6 in the deciding game for the trophy.

Tales of a

By GRANTLAND RICE

(Note.-This series will take up the play of leading American amateur golfers. It will not be biographical or statistical, but rather in the nature of random observa-tions on some of the ways and achievements of our leading golf stars.)

No. 4-Charles (Chick) Evans Why is it that Chick Evans can't putt? is a query that we have heard oftener than any other in the realm of golf. any other in the realm of golf.

Here is a golfer who can drive beautifully and who, under pressure, can play a full iron shot or a delicate mashie-niblick pitch to a fast green.

If it was entirely a question of nerve or nerves, why wouldn't his mashie play be affected also?

A Few Wherefores

We saw Chick Evans play a good many years ago, when he first began to attract national notice. In those days the putting greens of the West were fairly heavy and slow in comparison with the faster, smoother greens of the East.

And in those days, under such condi-tions, Evans began to use a midiron rather than a putter for the delicate process of getting the ball close or into the cup.

Chick was putting with a midiron the first time we ever saw him play, and he was laying his long approach putts close enough to get down steadily in two to the green. The long midiron approach putt was almost a chip shot and the shorter putt to the hole was a half-topped affair that held the line.

The Jolt

Then in 1910 Chick, playing wonderful golf, came East to Brookline. At the start he was moving like a whirlwind. He was traveling fast enough to beat

Fred Herreshoff, 11 and 16. He finally came to the semifinals with Bill Fownes, always a grand putter. Evans had Fownes all but out. was 2 up and 3 to play. His pitch to the 16th landed on the green, while Fownes was off. The match looked to be over

But Fownes holed a long putt for a 3. Chick took three putts and the tide turned. Bad putting cost Evans the last two holes and the clampionship. He dis-covered right at that spot that a midiron was not the proper putter for a fast, rolling green. He lost confidence in his putting, and when he went to the regulation putter he went to a new style of putting, and he went without confidence.

Shattered Confidence

It was this shattered confidence in his ability to putt that caused the bulk of Chick's trouble on the green. He changed putters frequently, and he changed putting styles. He tried the upright stance and the crouch, the low grip and the high grip, the wide stance and the close stance. But through it all there was woven a ragged thread of confidence which con-tinually snapped under the strain. Evans could put well enough with little

at stake, although even here he was not a Travers or a Travis. But once in a tight match there would come to him, subconsciously at first, that

come to him, subconsciously at first, that lurking dread, that growing fear, of a missed putt. And as the fear began to grow, this dread or fear began to increase through a hard match until finally there was registered a distinct and indelible impression upon his subconscious mind—the belief that he could not putt.

There is an illustration we have in mind. We saw Chick at Baltusrol last lure in the property of the core charmionship.

June just before the open championship started.
"How is your game?" we asked.
"Good enough," he said, "until I get
to the green. But I can't putt. I
simply can't. They just won't go down."

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Frankle White va. Abe Kahakoff
Johnny Mealy vs. Solly Burns
Eddle Waspad vs. Jimmy Duffy Young Erne vs. Mike O'Dowd

JOHNNY ERTLE VS. YOUNG MCGOVERN

Rhodes Probable Pitching Selections for Game WEATHER AGAIN WARM

OPENING BATTLE

Baumgartner, Tincup and

WITH THE CURS

By a Staff Correspondent

ST. PETERSBURG, Fin., March is
The stage was all set this morning for the
opening interclub baseball game schedule
this afternoon at Coffee Pot Park letween the Phillies and Chicago Cuba. Al
Lang, however, booster de luxe at the
city, and his henchmen had tickets on all
all day yesterday, and long before the
time set for the game the stands were
crowded with natives and visitar,
anxious to get their first tests of real
baseball.

baseball.

Tinker, with a big band of Cuba case across the bay this morning and stopped at the Florenton Hotel. Most of the Case cago players went to the ball park the morning to watch the Phillies go through their daily drill, on which Pat Moral is sisted in spite of the game in the after-

ncen.

The weather today was much warms than it has been at any time this weather than it has been at any time this weather than it has been at any time this weather than it has been at any time this weather than it has been at any time the practice consumed the early hours, the some pitching, base running and sliding in the pit completed the work.

Moran had not decided this morning which of his pitchers he would us, lat stated that he would probably work this men. Baumgartner, Rhodes and Thesp were expecting to be chosen, although Prisaid that one or more of his vetrus could go in for a while if they felt so inclined.

could go in for a while if they felt so clined.

to start a championship round. But on the first green Chick sank a B-footer for a 3 and for the time being this putting nightmare was stabled. He played like a streak that morning type the course record at 70. And he suited very well indeed, fully as well as Traver or Ouimet.

But the old shadow was merely lifted for the time being. That afternoon is missed a short one—and then came the break. Three putts to the green were the order of the day. He played swey other club as well as he did for his 19 or his 71, but finished with an 80. And even Evans isn't great enough as solfer. even Evans isn't great enough as a golfer to spot the field ten strokes to the green

Chick can play a delicate mashis shi well because he knows from past experi-ence that he can make that shot. He can't putt because he knows that he

is a bad putter. And therefore, in place of thumping the ball with the unwave-ing eye, the steady hand, the sure twent of a Travers, a Travis or Oulmet—who are backed up by a confident concentra-tion—Evans at critical stages is inclined to hit the ball with a wavering eye and a faltering wrist, praying at the time ! high heaven that the ball go down.

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