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BATTLE FOR PHILLIES' HOT CORNER POSITION BETWEEN STOCK AND BYRNE IS FEATURE

# STOCK AND BYRNE TO FIGHT HARD FOR THIRD-BASE JOB IN PHILLIES' LINE-UP IN 1916

### Youngster Apparently Has the Advantage and His Victory May Mean Dropping of Veteran Out of the Big Show Limeglare

WHEN Bobby Byrne's finger is completely healed there will begin one of the hottest fights for the third-base position that ever took place on the Phillies' club. Milton Stock, who really looks now to have the call on Byrne, is fighting to become a recognized regular on the championship team of Pat Moran, while Bobby will fight for his baseball existence.

If Byrne wins out for the place this year, Stock, as a matter of course, will be retained, because it is only a matter of time when he will, barring injuries, ret the place permanently. On the other hand, if Moran should choose Stock as his regular for the season, Byrne would be on the road to baseball oblivion. Naturally, Byrne will be needed this season even if he is beaten out for his regular position, but a victory for Stock would mean that he probably would be released next year.

This time last year there was no doubt about Byrne's playing third, and it was only through Bobby's injury late in the campaign of 1915 that gave Stock the chance which had previously been denied him.

#### Youngster Has Room for Great Development

The advantage of having Stock in the game as a regular is that he continues to develop; while Byrne, though a young man, probably has passed the zenith of his career as a major leaguer.

Byrne is still fast, accurate in his fielding and has a sufficiently good arm to make the plays at first with time to spare. But Byrne is not the hitter that Stock should be this year, and never did as well with the stick for the Phillies as Milton on the final sprint of the local National Leaguers for their first flag.

Stock is the best trainer on the Philadelphia club. He does not use tobacco n any form, never takes a drink, not even a glass of beer, and keeps regular hours throughout the season. He is a great reader, and puts in most of his time

Naturally, Stock has the advantage over Byrne in the matter of training. Bobby, who had his finger hurt in St. Louis recently, has only been at the Phillies' camp two days, and has done nothing but the lightest kind of work. S'urthermore, it will be some time before he is able to go at top speed. By that time it may be that Moran will think so well of Stock's work that he will keep him in regularly when the season begins as long as he continues to show the pace he is now setting.

#### Meredith in Danger of A. A. U. Investigation

Is Ted Meredita at last to feel the heavy hand of the Afaateur Athletic Union? This would seem likely as a result of information received from the most reliable source in New York that Meredith, Pennsylvania's marvelous middle distance runner; Joe Loomia, William Moore and Bonga Dismond, the last the colored quartermiler of the University of Chicago, are to be halled before the Registration Committee of the Mctropolitan Association of the A. A. U. to explain about their expense accounts for competing in meets in New York in the past three months.

The chairman of the Metropolitan Committee is a great stickler on the expense account proposition and spares no one, either great or small. This was indicated early in the winter when he caused Abel Kiviat, one of the great distance runners in the world, and Harry Smith, a famous ten-miler, to be ruled out of amateur athletics for demanding and accepting exorbitant expense accounts.

The Metropolitan official is now said by men close to him to be gunning for even bigger game, and has raked over the expense bills submitted by these athletes of late. According to the charge, Meredith, Loomis and the others have not itemized their expense bills in a suitable manner, and the committee believes they have received far more expense money than they should be allowed.

Meredith, Loomis and Moore have been in great demand by promoters of games held in New York, Boston, this city and other points. The example of Loomis is especially striking. He made five trips during the winter to New York for competition.

#### Confusion in "Pro" Basketball Circles

Some time ago the Pennsylvania State League of Basketball Clubs made overtures to the Eastern Basketball League for an agreement whereby each would respect the contracts of the other, for at that time Trenton was hot on the trail of Inglis, Suils and Leary, three of the State League stars.

The executive head of the Eastern League would not enter into a peace pact at the time, declaring that he would have to have the sanction of the league. Now it looks as if it will be war between the two organizations. Billy Kummer is on it looks as if it will be war between the two organizations. Entry is now playing the Jasper reserve list—though no one knows why—and Kummer is now playing with the Freeland Club of the State League. The fielding of Macka recoursing feature of the contest. However, Malone, who is battling Larry Lajole for the second-base

# **MACKMEN READY** FOR OPENING OF BOSTON SERIES

Harry Davis Will Work Three Pitchers in First Brave Game

# NATIONALS HAVE EDGE

By CHANDLER D. RICHTER MIAMI, Fla., March 23.-The Athletics regulars arrived here this morning ready for the opening game of the series with the Boston Braves, who are looked upon as the favorite in the National League race this season. The Mackmen have had but one game in preparation for this series, and barring the battery men, none of the Athletics have been training for more than three days. Therefore it is not likely that the Mackmen will upset the dope by trimming Stallings' team.

For the first contest of the series with the Braves Harry Davis, who is handling the regulars while Manager Mack looks after the Yanigans in Jacksonville, in tends to use three pitchers, working each man three innings. This program will be followed for three days, as Davis does not believe the pitchers are in good enough trim to stand more than three innings at the present time. Joe Bush probably will start the game. He will be relieved by Crewell offer three believe relieved by Crowell after three inning and Tom Sheehan will work the last three

hours throughout the season. He is a great reader, and puts in most of his time during the playing year with his books while he is not on the ball field. He is of a decidedly retiring disposition, but is full of life and ginger on the ball field. Stock has been showing up splendidly in St. Petersburg and in the games at Tampa with the Cubs. He has been hitting the ball, and while on a few occasions he made wild heaves, that was at a time when he had not fully recovered from the soreness developed during the first few days of practice. These three hurlers appear to be far Acting Manager Davis believes that will trouble the Braves.

Players Look Good

Chief Myers, Jack Nabors and Bill Mor-risette pitched against Ft. Pierce. All appeared to have plenty of "atuff," but unfortunately the game was too casy to get a line on their real ability. Myers looked the best of the irle and appears to he counding into form much sooner than expected.

Manager Stallings of the Braves he ded whom he will use against the Mackmen, but it is safe to predict that whoever goes to the mound is going to bother Davis' men. The Athletics have had such a small amount of batting practice, and virtually none against curve ball pitch-ing, that the Boston hurlers, who have been hooking the ball for three weeks, are likely to have discussed in status does not profit by experience is not mak-ing the most of his job," quoth the manlikely to have the Mackmen at their mercy for the series in this city. "At times last year I was actually sorry

Perhaps when the teams meet again in acksonville next week the Boston pitchfor Milan, as I know that he was working under a handleap that few people realized. ers wil find the Mackmen a hard-hitting aggregation. Davis has decided to use Plob, the Richmond recruit, as lead off for present with Rube Oldring following him. McInnis, Thompson, Malone, Walsh, Crane and the battery men will follow in order. There is a lot of natural hitting ability in this line-up, or rather there will be after the men have had more prac-tice, but it looks very much as if one or two men who can club and run are diale

### Macks Win First

The first game of the season resulted in a victory for the Athletics, but when one considers the work of their opponents not much credit is due. The Fort Pierce team was little better than the average inde-pendent club of Philadelphin, although its three hurlers appeared to have fair abil-ity. The final score of 19 to 0 shows just how hard the Mackmen walloped the ball.



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REPORTS TO MORAN

Eppa Rixey has joined his team-

WHY SENATORS

Milan's Poor Health **Ruined Team's Chances** 

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., March 22.

His health was so had that at times I

considered replacing him, but he was so anxious to stick that I kept him in hoping

against hope. He deserved all the credit

count.

Springs and, if appearances

we go to the scratch next month.

'Each spring since he has been

Coming Season

for a strenuous season and is practicing each day the weather permits on their

grounds at Broad and Oregon streets.

Manager William D. Jackson, who will this year handle the team, intends to put

a, fast nine on the field this season, and has signed up the boys who made good on last year's team, which went through the season with but two defeats.

All of Corley's Saturday games will be played on the home field. They will also

play Sunday games out of town. Strong traveling attractions wishing to book up with Corley will address William D. Jackson, 11th and Wolf streets.

Another Baseball War

Another Baseball war READING Pa, March 22.—Although it has seen announced that Al W. Lawson, of the At-notic Longue, and Abraham Rosenbluth and zee C. Groom, who are promoting the Penn-givanta State League, were to consolidate, he true facts are that petther faction would live in al a conference held here yearerday, ad both leagues will confuse to consolidate, he true facts are the coming season. The Penn-givanta fuence the coming season. The Penn-givanta the city, wills the Lawson data bill held forth at the Lawson data by Handtes' walk from the bistares scattre of Reading.

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They will also

Corley Catholic Club is getting ready

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mates for spring practice.

**GRIFFITH TELLS** 

IN CUB SERIES PLEASES MORAN

PHILS' PLAYING

Team Will Be in Running for 1916 Pennant, Believes Astute Manager

### EPPA RIXEY JOINS TEAM

### Ro a Special Corresponden

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., March 23.-Manager Fat Moran was as radiant as the scultropical sun this morning as he an after-breakfast stroll with sev-

book an inter-organized loyfully, "I don't "Boys," he remarked loyfully, "I don't like to boast, but this team of mine has all the appearances of a repeater for the pennant. The boys are all blitting harder than is the cuntom for spring training and the pitchers, catchers and every one is working better than I thought possible for so early in the season. Of course, I don't say positively that our success against the Cubes and the form shown in these early workouts stamp us as cer-tain winners, but, there is something about the whole affair that makes me feel optimistic." oral seribes.

fational League stars.

FELL LAST YEAR Gandil's Kinky Arm and

party of 30 players yesterday welcomed Eppa Rixey. OUTLOOK ENCOURAGING

### **Rixey** in Shape

Rixey showed that he is still a regular collegian by meandering out to the field without his cap and wearing slippers in-stead of the customary splited shoes. In his initial warm-up it appeared that Rixey has practiced a little this spring as well as taught birh school. To the continued indisposition of Clyde Milan and the utter impossibility of Chick Gandil to work the kink out of his arm. Clark Griffith attributes the failure of the Nationals to rise higher during the

has practiced a future that private as taught high school. The indications are that Manager Moran will give Rikey plenty of work for the next few days in order that he can make up for the time he has missed, and the champions can thereby get an oppor-tunity to look at some left-handed twirl-ter After a winter's calm deliberation and planning to strengthen the most vul-nerable parts of his machine, the Wash-ington director today unburdened himself of his idean-as to what caused the situa-

### ROOKIES AND REGULARS

WACO, Tex.-While Benny Kauff was fan-ing and rolling easy outs to the infield in the game with the Waro Navigators. George sly and Fred Merkle such gathered in a une runs.

DAYTONA, Fla, Jimmy Johnson, the speed-urning outfielder of the Galdand Club, Facific Jonat League, has signed with the Brooklyn cam. He will report Friday.

MACON. Ga. — A short centrefield fonce was all that kept J. Franklin Baker from starting his season with a home run. He banked the wall against the board for two cumbions in the game with the Tanigatis. in the world for his efforts, for a less game man would have quit without so much provocation. In every department of his work the handlcap of ill health dragged him down, and the team conse-

TAMPA. Fig.—Our old friend the flix has the Cubs in the sir. They've lost four games in a row to the Phillies. Manager Tinker teday planned to send Three-ingreed Brown against a team of Cubans to break the hoodoo. "This spring," continued Griffith, "Milan has had the benefit of his stay at Hot should be the Milan of 1913 and 1914 when

MINERAL WELLS. Tex. John Collins was uraing a burn nose today. He biffed himself with a bar when he minsed one of Reb Rus-sil's curves. Rowinni played doctor by grasp-ng John's nose in clothes-pin fashion, putting roken bones back into place. baseball Gandii has been troubled with his right arm. During the winter the elbow stiffens and there has been no treatment that would take out the kink. We used all sorts of liniments and Mike

WAXAHACHIE, Tex.-Jakey Ais's Fort Worth club will battle the Tigers for the champlonuble of Ellis County today, the count standing 1 and 1 between the two clubs. "Rube" Marshall, the new baseball clown likebayed real form in the box for Jennings yesterday. Martin rubbed it until it was nearly blue. But there was no use. "I had a letter from Chick today and

-The Cardinals wound

## FOGEL IN NEW FIELD

# Former President of Phillies May

**Operate Bike Track** NEWARK, N. J., March 23.—Horase Fogol, former president of the Phile delphia National Lengue Basebail Club, may promote bloycle races in Philadal phia. John Roden, a representative of Fogel, will attend a meeting of the out-law riders hore in Newark today, at which time the Federation of American Cyclista will try to interest Fogel into creeting a reack in Philadelphia.

AT HOT SPRINGS, ic=Dorior Mark H., 7 (6.5., 1 (6. huz, 3 ro 1, even, 2 to 5; Vam-2, 4 to 5, 1 (6.5. rest-Elue Winz, 3 to 1, even, wave tone, 7 to 5, 1 to 5; ick, 5 to 1, 8 to 5, 3 to 5, ice=Sit L, due, even, 2 to 5; 1 sky Dam, 7 to 1, 2 to 1, even; leven 2 to 5; Third correstle L. 5; Smoks Dan, 7 ani, 3 to L even, 2 Fourth care. Dorts 5, out; Surflyan, which, 3 to 1, even, 2 to 5. Fourth sare-Dorator, Larrick, 7 to 5, 1 to 5, out: Karflerne, 7 to 5, 1 to 3, out; During Carones, 16 to 5, 1 to 3, out; Pifft pare-Industry, 3 to 1, even, 2 to 5; Asparatics, 10 to 1, 3 to 1, 6 to 5; iarths 5 to 1, 2 to 5; 10 5, sixth rare-Dike of Shelly, 20 to 1, 7 5; A. 5; to 2, Conser, 4 to 5, 1 to 3, out; King Radford, 7 to 1, 2 to 1, 4 to 5,

How They Ran Yesterday

AT HOT SPRINGS.

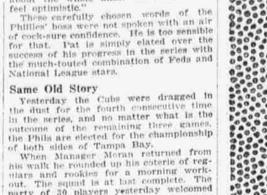
Fogel may run an open-air fight cinh and in the same arena stage bley races.

# Leonard to Box Welsh NEW YORK, March 23. --Matchinake Ju ay Johnston, of Madison Regure Garden h ferred a purse of 518,600 for a 10-run but between Chambian Freddy Wolft anny Leonard. Of this sum Weish and put will be held at the Garden or 10000 f mut will be held at the Garden or 10000 f hos return match between Leonard and be the has been declared off, as the managem

SCHANTON, Pa., March 22.-Mainger Hill Countila, of the Scranton team of the New York State League, announced that he will Send Catcher John Keating and Outfielder Glipin to the Frederick (Md.) team of the Juss Ridge Leagues for further seasoning. Glipin is a star guard on the Scranton State seame basketball room.

Coughlin to Farm Out Youngsters

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Freeland Club, but no reasons are given why he is not eligible. At any rate, there will be no peace pact. It doesn't matter in the least to the State League now, for the season has been successful. If the managers decide to allow three professional players to a team in the 1916-1917 season, instead of two as at present, it would not be surprising to see the best of the Eastern League material in the mining regions next winter. A peculiar thing about the Eastern League reserve list is that Dunleavy, released by Greystock some time ago, is still on the roster of that club. This prevents any other club from signing him.

### Dadmun's Election Overthrows Harvard Precedent

Judging by the details that are leaking through into this city, the recent election of a football captain at Harvard in which Harry Dadmun, the big lineman, was chosen leader, was anything but a peaceful and harmonious gathering. Not that there was any open and outward demonstration in the election, but it is said on good authority that there never was such a great amount of wirepulling and so much of an undercurrent of feeling.

As a matter of fact, the defeat of Dick Harte, the Philadelphia boy, who was a star at end, is a great catcher, track athletic star, hockey and tennis expert was the greatest kind of a surprise both at Cambridge and here, and it took the smashing of all precedents to bring about the election of Dadmun; in fact, the revolutionizing of Harvard football in much the same manner as Penn's has been accomplished except for the fact that it was done without publicity.

Dadmun came to Harvard from Tufts College and is what is known as a

"transfer"; that is, an athlete who entered Harvard from another college of PENN AND TIGER TEAMS standing. Never before in the history of Harvard has there been a captain who previously played on another college, this being an unwritten law among Crimson football men.

What makes the upset all the more impressive was the fact that in winning the captaincy Dadmun also upset the theory that the leader must either come from one of the well-known prep schools or be a member of an old and prominent family. Dadmun defeated for the place Dick Collidge, who comes of an old line of Harvard men and athletes; Dick Harte, of an old Philadelphia family, and Joe Harris, one of the most prominent men socially in that section of New England,

As a matter of fact, Penn's election was also a precedent. In electing Mathews, the Red and Blue chose a man for the first time who lives in the West. The new leader is a Chicagoan. Only twice in history has a Red and Blue leader been from any other State than Pennsylvania, Delaware, New Jersey or Maryland, the nearby States, and in both cases the leader came from other Eastern sections. So it seems that Penn is not alone in shattering traditions

#### **Bowling Tourney Produces Dizzy Statistics**

A Philadelphia bowler with a penchant for figures has just produced some astounding figures based upon the national bowling championship now being staged at Toledo, O. He shows that if one ball was used by all of the participants, that ball would travel 287,550,000 feet, or 57,510 miles, two and a third times around the earth, figuring a distance of 159 feet from the bowlers' position to the pins and return.

This Quaker City expert goes even further, for after a great deal of figuring he has produced the aggregate number of balls and distance traveled if in a straight line, the number of pins toppled, their total weight and the amount of energy displayed. A set of pins weighs 32 pounds, and, as it is calculated they will be handled 900,000 times, the cumulative weight would be 28,800,000 pounds.

The pin boys will return to the bowlers 1,620,000 16-pound mineralite bowling

alls, or 25,920,000 pounds of dead weight. This represents a tremendous amount labor, yet is done in the name of sport and pleasure. The five-man teams and dividuals would roll a 16-pound ball, if but one were used, 1,970,000 times and it would travel the distance mentioned above, 57,510 miles. This record will be far in excess of anything ever before produced in bowing.

position, made several brilliant plays and also pulled off two pleces of heady inside stuff on the youngstern. Behind the bat Bill Meyers, the Davenport youngstern. a brilliant exhibition. He caught gave one foul fly off the grandstand and picked another out of the crowd almost directly prosite third base. He also handled a -bounding throw to the plate in time to stop a tally.

"Stuffy" McInnis robbed Frank Mc Nichol out of a double with a great one-handed catch of a line drive and took several low throws in great style. "Shag" son also robbed McNichol of a hit with a great running catch in deep right contre. He made two or three other fine plays. Incidentally, Thompson drew four bases on balls and made two doubles and single out of seven trips to the plate.

The game was scheduled at the request of State Senator James P. McNichol and man becomes the more likely is it to interfere with his playing, so I decided to lean on Joe Judge. At that, I hope the proceeds went to charity. McNichol Wants Mack to bring the team to Fort Pierce for three days next spring, and Harry Davis has promised that it will Gandil will have a good year at Cleve-land, as he 's still far from being an aged

# TO PLAY HERE WEDNESDAY

Intercollegiate Cage Title to Be Decided at Second Regiment

game to decide the intercollegiate basketball championship will be played next Wednesday, at the 24 Regiment Armory, Broad street and Susquebanna Armory, Broad street and Susquehanna avenue. This was virtually decided yes-terday after Ealo. Morgan, of Penn, and boctor Raycroft, of Princeton, scoured the city for a suitable hall in which to stage the struggle. It is said that Prince-ton was perfectly willing to play on Penn's court at Weightman Hall.

Since the reinstitution of practice at Penn last Monday night, there has been a noticeable lack of enthusiasm, due prininally to the report that three of the slayers will not be in the line-up for the shamplonship tit. Martin is in hot water owing to class-

room deficiencies. Although he is now ineligible, there is a chance that he may be reinstated in time to face the Princeton nen. Williamson last week was coned to his home on account of an illness attributed to the grind of the season. It is said the Captain McNichol has been advised to pay strict attention to his studies, and not devote any more time to athetics, although he is still in good scholastic standing.

Harm vs. trouble in Filhal - H. T. Hubs will more Juy Gould in the rough of the Rassiset Club caurt tends as championship. The former defracted in and best primat. The scores we of fid-and the structure of the markest in and best primat. The scores we of fid-and the fill of the club a singles hav-by C. D. Hart reached the fillal round frathing C. S. Hubbles, who reactived 15, vo sets, at 8-7, 8-2. Ellis Plays Jones Tonight illard funs will get a chance to sev-ics Ellis, champion three-cushion player is world, tosight in a match with Frank at the Resent Parlors, 1200 Market i. The match is one of the series for discussion three-corner championsoin, Eilla-tity won his title by defeating De Oraear in

he tells me that during the winter he has exercised the joint every day since last fall, and believes it is cured. I heir training stunt here today and departed or home. Ham Hyntt, released to St. Paul ecently, has been turned back. hope it is, for his sake. If Gandil is ready in April he will be a valuable man for Cleveland, but if he has the same

1.ITTLE HOCK. Ark .- The hardest work of the senson featured the end of the Browns' training trip, defeating Little Rock 21 to 1. Predictions were bead would go to third instead of Austin when the team hit St. Louis Friday. same trouble as last year it will be midsum-. er before he can show real class. "Ordinarily when a man's throwing arm is injured it interferes with his fielding

alone, but with Gandil it was his hatting that suffered also. He could not get the NEW ORLEANS T.a. John Hillings, young Indian backetop, has collected 14 hits in 27 times at hat so far. Manager Fold has warned the pitcom clouter to save some of his stuff for use when the league opens. healthy swing that carried him along so well in his first season with us. He com-menced to choke his bat, but this stran-

MIAMI, Fia. - Former Federal Lengue stars ontributed largedy to the Braves' 7-to-2 vic-ary over the Seminoles. Knetzer and Allen viried great ball for the winners, while one thy starred in hitting, fielding and bacgling style was never meant for a man of Gandil's strength and natural swipe. "While he closed with a good season's batting marks for us, you will find that the records bear out the assertion that his hitting was around 200 until nearly

HOT SPRINGS, Ark.—Joy reigned supreme in the Red Box camp when word reached here that Tries Speaker had at last come to forms with his owners and was harrying to join his teammates. The champions feel that they are now all primed to repeat. July. Then he came fast, as the arm improved, but it was too late. "With such an allment the older a

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. -- Rondeau and Jamison, recruits, who are hitting well, are scheduled for places in the Griffmen's regular outfield.

**Boston Wins Intercity Hockey** NEW HAVEN, Conn., March 23.-Boston feated New Haven, 5 to 2 last night in a intercity ice hockey series. CORLEY CATHOLIC CLUB WORKS Baseball Team Getting in Shape for

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## EVENING LEDGER MOVIES-WELL, HE MIGHT BORROW WILLARD'S CIRCUS; THEY SAY JESS OWNS ONE

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