PRINCETON HAS ADVANTAGE IN PLAY-OFF FOR INTERCOLLEGIATE BASKETBALL TITLE

TIGER BASKETBALL MEN HAVE EDGE OF PENN IN BATTLE FOR CAGE CROWN

Princeton Trained to Minute for Wednesday Night's Struggle, While Jourdet's Team Is in Comparatively Poor Condition

WHEN Princeton and Pennsylvania have completed 40 minutes of basketball Wednesday evening at Weightman Hall the chances are that the Tigers will have won the Intercollegiate Basketball League crown for 1916. The Jersey college men have a distinct advantage over the West Philadelphians in the deciding combat because they have kept on edge, while the local players disbanded and broke training as soon as the season was closed.

If Princeton does win, and the chances seem to be highly in favor of the Orange and Black, Coach Len Jourdet, of Penn, can be considered a very unfortunate person.

Jourdet developed a winning basketball team, the first one Penn has had in years. He built his team from material which other coaches had passed up as valueless, but he made a success as coach, because he is so thoroughly conversant with the game that he was able to instil enough playing knowledge into his team to offset their lack of weight and lack of ability.

Having carried Penn through the league season at the top of the ladder, along with Princeton, Jourdet now finds that he is forced to get his team together at the ninth hour and play a quintet which is tuned to the minute for the championship fray.

League Officials Are to Blame

The officials of the Intercollegiate Basketball League are to blame for the injustice wrought on Penn and on Jourdet; if they had had sufficient foresight, as pointed out before in these columns, to arrange a play-off schedule in case of a tie, Penn would have had an equal chance to win the title from Princeton. But the one deciding game to be played here Wednesday night will in all probability give Princeton its first basketball title and at the same time take from Penn an honor to which she had an equal right.

Jourdet, however, has not given up by any means. On the contrary, he has done everything in his power to get Penn back into playing form. In order to accomplish this he has been having practice games with the Eastern League champions—Greystock. Bailey's team is keeping on edge for the series of games with the winner of the Interstate Basketball League.

Roy Thomas Has Had Some Bad Luck, Too

Although beaten by the Navy on Saturday, two to nothing, the Penn baseball team put up a wonderful game, considering the fact that it had not been able to get on the field a single day for practice.

Roy Thomas has been forced to drill his men in Weightman Hall since the first call for practice. His pitchers rounded into fair shape, but the other members of the team showed in their game against the middies that it is impossible to develop a winning diamond combination with indoor work and blackboard lectures. Both of these methods are good as far as they go, but outdoor work is surely essential to success.

Thomas is sure that after his men have had a week or so on the diamond they will come forward with a rush. Roy had been doubtful, up to Saturday, of the ability of the outfield to measure up to the standard of the other players. However, with Howard Berry switched to centrefield, the Red and Blue defense was vastly strengthened, for, though a brilliant infielder, Berry plays any position on the ball field far better than the average collegian.

Moran Likely to Stand "Pat"

Judging from the way the regulars of 1915 have been playing during the training season, Pat Moran is likely to begin the season with the same team, with one possible exception, that he put in the field at the beginning of the Phillies' first victorious campaign. Stock may go in right away at third base, but that is probably the only change that local fans will see when the champions line up against the New York Giants at Broad and Huntingdon streets on April 12.

Wilbur Good, the ex-Cub, is doing well in the outfield, but it does not appear that his work has warranted his replacing Dode Paskert, the only one of the outfield trio who is in the slightest danger of sitting on the bench.

Their five successive victories over Tinker's Cubs have given the Phillies a lot of added confidence. Their play in those games, too, has proved beyond question that Moran has done splendid work in getting the Phillies in shape for the opening of the National League season.

Clubmen Preparing Athletic Carnival

William H. T. Huhn, the famous polo player and court tennis champion; Cameron Buxton, one of this city's greatest golf exponents, and Lawrence C. Fuller, the organizer of the Interclub Baseball League in this city a dozen years ago, are planning a return sporting match with the famous Chevy Chase Club, of Washington, to be staged here early in May. This will be the greatest intercity club athletic competition that this city has ever seen.

The plan is to hold a series of contests between the best golf, tennis and baseball players of the Racquet Club and the stars in the same sports of the Washington organization. As virtually every great player in these three sports in this city's clubs is affiliated with the Racquet Club, this means that the pick of Philadelphia's clubmen will be pitted against an equally strong team from the nation's capital.

Huhn, as a tennis star, will have the duty of selecting the team for his competition; Buxton will have the choice of the golf men, and Larry Fuller the baseball team. In tennis this city will have, besides Huhn, such men as Potter, Brooke, Bill Clothier and Charley Jennings, while in the golf line-up will be Frank Kemble, Hugh Willoughy, Ned Atherton, W. P. Smith, J. D. Holloway, Allan Smith and other clever players.

The baseball team will have in its line-up Allan Smith, captain; Dan Hutchinson, George Elkins and a group of other men.

The big series will be staged on May 13 at the Philadelphia Country Club. This does not conflict with the regular Interclub Baseball League schedule. About forty athletes will be on the Philadelphia team, and the same number will come from Washington. That city will have on its team Bill Reyburn, son of the former Mayor of this city, and Viscount Henri di Sibour, a famous all-around athlete.

Morrisette Looks Like Star Slabster

Morrisette, one of Connie Mack's promising pitchers, has everything necessary but the disposition. Morrisette is not a trouble-maker nor is he a rowdy. He is a splendid youngster, who takes care of himself, but he does not take the game seriously enough. Mack believes that Morrisette will learn that baseball is a serious business and will develop into a star.

One great thing in Morrisette's favor is his ginger. He is on the go all the time. He never gets tired and is very strong. He loves baseball, too, possibly too much, and that may be why he cannot take it seriously. Mack has handled pitchers of Morrisette's type before and has got excellent results. Morrisette has the natural ability and more experience than any of the youngsters. It remains to be seen whether Mack gets the benefit of it.

Nabors will be the last of the young pitchers to acquire the necessary balance. He needs a great deal of fielding practice before he can be depended upon. At the present time Nabors is such a poor fielder that he may often beat himself after pitching a beautiful game.

Indian Guyon Natural Southpaw Batsman

Although Joe Guyon, whom Connie Mack is looking over at Daytona, Fla., is a right-handed thrower, he is a natural left-handed batsman, never having hit from the other side of the plate. He never played baseball at all until three years ago, but like the usual run of aborigines, he picks up anything that savors of athletics in a remarkable manner. Guyon is wonderfully fast, as Philadelphians will remember if they just brush away the cobwebs and recall a few of his thrilling open field runs at Franklin Field.

In a recent college track meet at the Passagrille Carnival, just outside of St. Petersburg, Guyon was entered in the meet as a representative of Keewatin Academy. He was the only Keewatin lad entered, but he won the team trophy for his school by capturing six first places and a second in seven events.

It will be recalled that shortly after Jim Thorpe had been declared a professional, Glenn Warner wrote an article for a monthly magazine in which he said that the next world's champion all-round athlete also would be an Indian and picked Joe Guyon for the honor.

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Word from Daytona, Fla., received today states that Jack Karst, the local youngster who has been with the Dodgers since last spring, was released to the Troy club of the New York State League. The Brooklyn club reserves the privilege of recalling him at the end of the season if he shows good enough form. Several of the Dodgers claim that Karst will develop into a star.

SIX IN A ROW, CRY OF PHILS IN CUB SERIES

Rhoades and Fortune to Do Pitching for Moran at Tampa

FINAL GAME TOMORROW

By a Staff Correspondent

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., March 27.—"Make it six in a row," was the Phillies' slogan this morning when they left for Tampa, where Pat Moran's men and the Chicago exploded Cubs clash this afternoon in the sixth scrap of their series. After a splendid fishing day, over the Sabbath with every player successful in hooking some mighty fine weppers, the Phillies are confident they will keep their slate clean against the Windy City team. The final fray of the series will be played here tomorrow afternoon.

Good again will occupy Whitted's position in left field for the Phils this afternoon. Rhoades and Fortune, two of Moran's most promising young twirlers, will get their first taste of real major league work. George Chalmers and Karl Adams also took the trip across the river and they will be sent into the fray if necessary.

Four double plays have been the spoils of Bancroft, Neihoff and Luderus in the five games played with the Cubs. Three of the contests were marked by errorless play on the part of the Phillies. Dode Paskert is racing in, out and sideways under high fly balls, with the speed of a deer.

Mr. and Mrs. Moran, Mr. and Mrs. Chalmers, Mr. and Mrs. Oeschger, Mr. and Mrs. Burns, Mr. and Mrs. Byrne, Alexander, Bender, Killefer, Rixey, Jack Adams and Tincup yesterday motored over to Belleair on the invitation of Horton F. Plant, the millionaire, owner of the New London (Conn.) club, of the Eastern League. Moran and Adams are alleged to have taken the measure of Chalmers and Byrne in a nine-hole foursome, but furnished no proof on their return to the Shell, while Alexander and Killefer fought Bender and Rixey to an inconclusive result, as no reliable information concerning the outcome was obtainable.

Hailing from California, the Oeschgers naturally gravitated to the tennis courts, where they were joined by the Byrnes. Joe, being a typical native son, contended that the asphalt courts were not equal to those on the coast.

ODD PLAY COMES UP IN MACK-DODGER FRAY

Oldring Sent to First When Catcher McCarty Touches Bat With Glove

DAYTONA, Fla., March 27.—One of the oddest plays in the history of baseball occurred in the Athletics-Brooklyn contest yesterday. Oldring was batting in the first inning when Pfeffer cut a fast ball straight over the heart of the plate. Oldring quickly turned to Umpire Rigler and started to kick. To the amazement of the crowd Rigler sent him to first base. The fans could not understand the play, but last night Bill Klem, Rigler's running mate, explained the play.

Here is Klem's version:

"Just as Oldring started to swing at the ball Catcher McCarty, who was standing too close to the plate, tipped Oldring's bat with his glove. Oldring was wideawake and claimed the base, which Rigler was forced to give. In all my career as an umpire I have seen the same play come up but once, and that was when I first broke into the National League. Frank Bowerman, who has been out of the league almost 10 years, had a habit of pulling the trick in a pinch, but always got away with it until Bob Emslie called him one day.

"As a rule, players will kick to the catcher when they think the catcher pulls this play deliberately, and forget that the umpire's attention should be called to it. Rigler tells me that he never saw the play before, and I doubt if it has come up more than once or twice in the history of the game."

Another odd feature of the play is obtained by looking at it from the scorer's standpoint. There is nothing in the scoring rules to cover the point. It is certain that the batsman cannot be charged with a time at bat, yet he has not reached first base by being hit by a pitched ball, a sacrifice or on four balls. There also is no way to account for the interference in the box score or pitching records, as there is nothing in the scoring rules covering this point. Klem is not so sure that the playing rules cover the point with men on bases. He says he really does not know what would become of the base runners if there were any on bases at the time.

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WHEN A FELLER NEEDS A FRIEND

NEWS FROM THE BOWLING ALLEYS

Local tenpin enthusiasts are awaiting anxiously announcement of the entries at the Atlantic coast championships, for which they sent in their lists last Saturday. It is expected teams that mailed entries on Saturday and previous to that time will be known by tomorrow. The tourney will begin April 3, in Washington, D. C.

Except for the winning scores and the names of the new champions, local bowlers are not much interested in the result of the American Bowling Congress, which will conclude at Toledo tomorrow night.

The Quakers and a couple of pair from this city will roll with the final teams next Saturday in the National Association tournament in progress in the Grand Central Palace, New York city.

Announcement that the city associations of the Atlantic Coast and National Associations will hold championship series to decide which is the best of the local teams is good news to the local enthusiasts. To compete in the national series, which will begin on Monday, May 5, on the Keystone Alleys, it will be necessary to join the organization. To take part in the Atlantic coast matches it will be necessary to be members of the association, as the latter association is trying to boost the game and plans to have as large a representative as possible in each of its series, which will be for five, two-men teams and individuals. Both tourneys are now in preparation, committees having various details in hand.

In order to conclude their tourneys, the Philadelphia League and Quaker City League teams will alternate each week in bowling extra series of games on Keystone Alleys every Monday night in addition to their usual scheduled weekly games, which are rolled on Tuesday and Fridays nights.

The champions in several of the local tournaments have been determined. In the Curtis League, Journal Press is the victorious quintet. The Franklin Bank squad is winner of the National Bank series, and Switchboard is best of the Western Electric League teams this season.

MACKMEN SHOW IMPROVEMENT IN CONTEST WITH BROOKLYN

Two More Changes Necessary to Put Athletics in Shape for American League Campaign. Jack Coombs to Oppose Macks Today

By CHANDLER D. RICHTER

DAYTONA, Fla., March 27.

WHEN a team is beaten 8 to 0 one gets the impression that it is almost hopeless, particularly after the beating follows three crushing defeats, such as the Mackmen sustained at Miami at the hands of the Braves, but in this particular instance such is not the case. The Athletics really showed signs of improvement in the first game against Brooklyn.

There is still room for greater improvement and one or two changes will be necessary before the Mackmen will be in good enough shape to put up a strenuous fight against American League teams. However, the general work of the team yesterday, barring one inning, was much better than it has been to date.

One inning in which the Dodgers tallied six runs, only one of which was earned, appeared to awaken the Mackmen and thereafter they played excellent ball. Three misplays were made after the six-run inning, but the men went after the ball as if they really meant to get it, and displayed a dash and snap which heretofore had been sadly lacking.

Minot Crowell was the victim of the six-run affair and was really responsible for a large part of his trouble, though he would have gotten away with but one run if his mates had done their part. Crowell pitched well enough, although he did not have as much stuff as he has shown to date. The young man has the proper spirit, however, and last night asked Harry Davis to allow him to oppose the Dodgers again today. Davis told him that he intends to start "Chief" Myers on the mound, but may allow him to work the last four innings.

Tom Sheehan, who was injured Saturday, and who was thought to have been badly hurt, took up the pitching burden in the sixth and the Dodgers went scoreless during the remainder of the game. Several balls were hit hard, but the Mackmen made sensational plays which robbed Brooklynites of apparent safeties.

"Stuffy" McInnis more than atoned for a wild heave in the third by making several miraculous plays at first. "Shag" Thompson made two circus catches of terrific line drives. Malone made two brilliant stops, while young Bill Meyers broke up the double steal twice and made a swell catch of a foul off the grandstand screen.

Morning Practice

Davis says he expects the boys to keep right on going and looks for a close game today. He ordered the men out for morning practice again today after having convinced them that it was lack of baseball ability, and not too much practice under the hot sun at Miami, that caused the Braves to run rough-shod over them Thursday and Friday. The greater part of the morning was spent in batting practice and there was considerable improvement shown.

Jack Coombs, for years an idol in Philly, and one of the most popular men of the famous Mack machine, is scheduled to work four or five innings against his old team today and John promises to show them something. Although he is far from the Coombs of 1910 and 1911, he is in better shape than at any time last season. Three days ago he pitched a full nine-inning game and won easily.

The Brooklyn team looks mighty good. The men do not appear to be in as good shape as the Braves, nor do the Dodgers seem to have the great natural power Stallings team has, but it is a smooth-working aggregation. Lack of ginger was one of its drawbacks last year and the same condition appears to prevail this year.

Mack Watches Kids

One of the reasons Manager Mack had for remaining in Jacksonville with the Yankees was to take the trip to St. Augustine, where the "stay at homes" play Pat Flaherty's Keewatin Academy team today. As mentioned before, Flaherty claims to have on his team two or three youngsters who are nearly ripe for major league duty. As Pat has recommended several of the present Athletic team to Mack, Connie was anxious to look them over.

One young man, who is known to football fans throughout the country and whom Philadelphians have cause to remember, is the main object of Mack's visit to St. Augustine. This youngster is Joe Guyon, the famous Carlisle Indian athlete, who graduated from Carlisle two or three years ago and entered Keewatin Academy.

This school is located in Wisconsin, but the ball team is taken to Florida for a month each spring. As soon as Flaherty arrived at St. Augustine, which is made the headquarters for the school team, he hastened to Jacksonville to tell Mack of Guyon's prospects. Flaherty declares that Guyon has improved more within the last year than any ball player he has ever seen.

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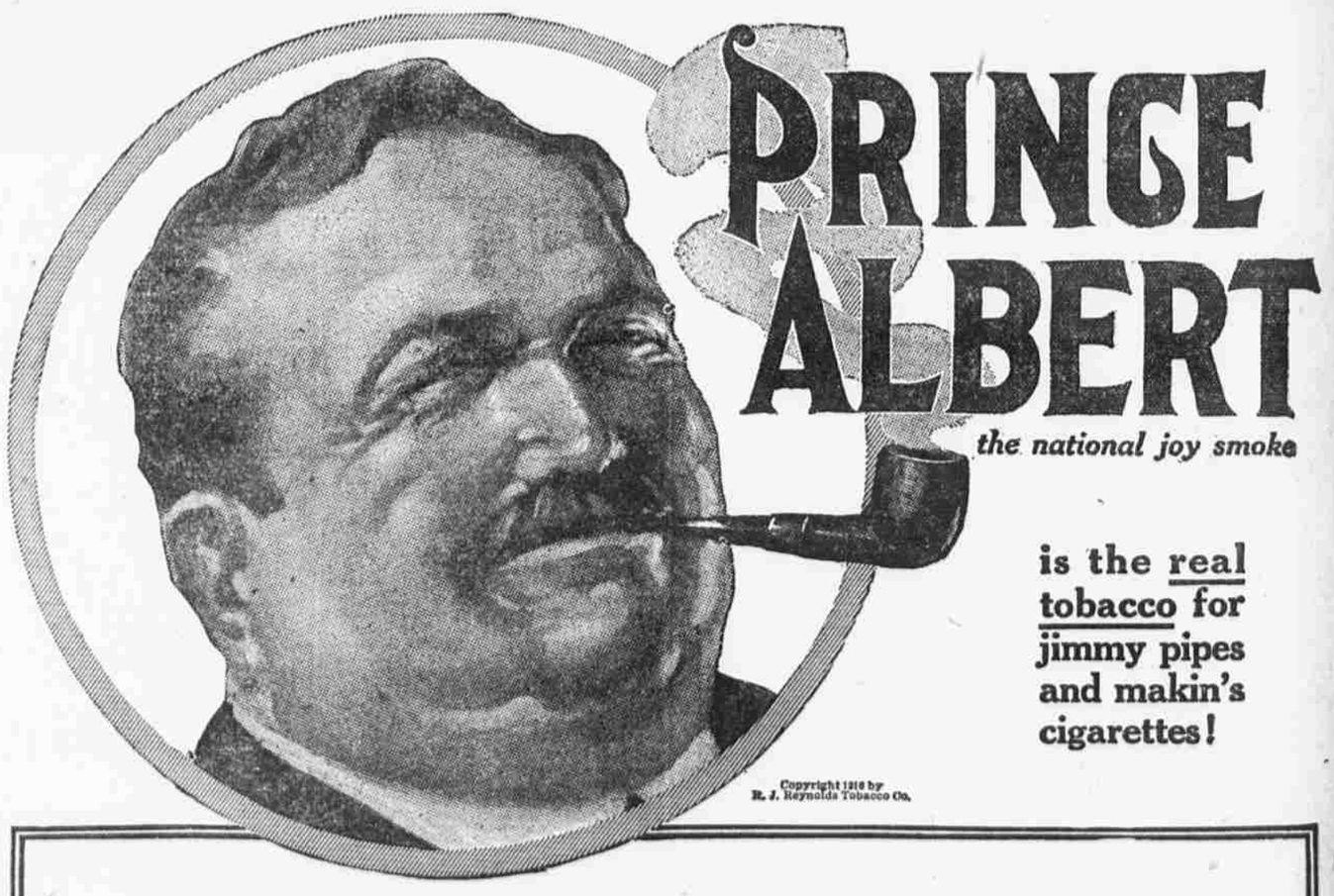

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