# PHILLIES AND ATHLETICS COMPLETE AN EXCELLENT TRAINING CAMPAIGN IN FLORIDA

## LOCAL MAJOR LEAGUE CLUBS COME UP TO EXPECTATION IN TRAINING WORK IN THE SOUTH

Athletics Had to Do Little to Measure Up to Popular Idea of Their Strength, But Phillies' Case Was Just Reverse.

THE work of the two Philadelphia major league baseball clubs in their spring L training camps this year has come up to expectations. Never before have the Phillies and Athletics enjoyed such consistently good weather as they struck in St. Petersburg and Jacksonville. This has greatly aided Pat Moran in getting his club on edge, and Counte Mack in sizing up the candidates that he expects to compose the cogs of his new machine, which he declares will some day be as great as those of 1902, 1905, 1910, 1911, 1913 and 1914.

Mack's athletes have come up to the expectations of the fans largely because they did not expect anything, but the Phillies have reached the approved standard because they have clearly demonstrated that they are stronger in pitching than they were last season; their team play is improved and the individual work of the players is as good at least as it was in 1915.

#### Phillies Will Open Among Favorites

Since the woeful falling down of the Chicago Cubs, who were rated on paper in winter as prospective pennant-winners, the Phillies' stock has constantly advanced. The view generally taken is that if the Cubs with the best players of the Chicago National and Federals of 1915 cannot put a team in the field that is as good as the Phillies, the chances are that the other Feds, no matter how good they may be, will not add enough strength to the various clubs to overcome the improvement in Pat Moran's team.

While no one outside of Philadelphia is actually picking the Phila to repeat, few have yet placed them out of the running. A number of out-of-town writers have stated emphatically that the Phillies have just as good a chance to win as any other club, which means they are held in very high esteem. This time last year Moran's club was unanimously awarded the cellar position, but they won the pennant. This year, with a better team on the field, Moran's ability as manager a certain quantity and the added confidence of the players themselves, no one can fall to see that only a streak of the worst luck can put the team out of the running until late in the year, if then,

#### Mackmen Rated as Tail-enders Again

Although Connie Mack has stated that he is going to fool some of the wise ones who donate him last place for the approaching season, even the most optimistic Athletic rooters cannot see anything better than seventh place for the new and untried machine.

It will be necessary for Pick at third base, Witt at short and a number of pitchers, including Mechan and Myers, to develop more rapidly than is usual for youngsters for the Athletics to put a team in the field which will approach in strength either Washington or Cleveland, the two clubs admittedly the worst in the American League, excluding the Athletics.

With Fielder Jones leading the Browns, Rowland presenting a remarkable array of individual talent in Chicago, Donovan putting out an apparently wellrounded bunch of players, Jennings in the field with a team as good as last season and Bill Carrigan standing pat with his pennant-winners, it is hard to see where the Athletics can break into a position anywhere near the first division with a Kieinspehn ..... 63 10751 170 283 508 Looor unfortunates, like myself, always bunch of untried and inexperienced men.

#### Ed Konetchy Has Strengthened the Braves

Ed Konetchy played the first sack for the Braves in the training camp as it hasn't been played in years. He has convinced the skeptics that not only has he not gone back, but that he has come forward, both as a fielder and hitter. Allen and Knetzer, pitchers for the 1915 Pittsburgh Feds, will be among Stallings' huriing mainstays this summer.

The ratio of "flivvers" among the "bushers" this year, however, has been on a par with that of other years. Only about one out of every ten youngsters that trekked the Southern trail will come back with a major league job.

The major league clubs expended something like \$250,000 during 1915 for promising looking rockles. But most of the money has been wasted. The "second Ty Cobbs," the "new Christy Mathewsons" and the "better than Eddie Collinses" have gone back whence they came. They were wonders in the minors, but when subjected to the big league test they failed.

Conspicuous among the failures is Dan Tipple. Pitching for Indianapolis last season, he set the American Association afire with his brilliant work. His hurling nounced him a star of the first water. And then the clubs began bidding for him. Higher and higher shot the bid price. "Nine thousand," yelled the owners of the New York Yankees. The other bidders became silent and Tipple was turned over to the Ruppert-Huston combination. Great things were expected of Tipple. But

### Basketball Moguls Overlook the Cage

The meeting of the Intercollegiate Basketball League in New York city did not bring out one of the most necessary points regarding the future success of the indoor game. Any one who has witnessed the games played by the college and those played by the Eastern and other leagues in this vicinity can plain) e how much college play would be improved by having the games staged in cage.

On a court such as the one at Weightman Hall the game is slowed up to disgusting extent at times by the ball constantly going out of bounds. Further more, in scrimmages it is difficult for the officials to tell which side is responsibly for the ball having gone out, and this is likely at times to work an injustice to team which may be fighting hard to come from behind.

Cage play in basketball is so far superior to the game as played on an opecourt that there is no comparison, but the officers of the L. B. L. apparentl cannot be made to see this.

However, the association took one excellent step toward increasing the population larity of basketball in colleges even if it did overlook the matter of playing in cages. It advanced the proposition of forming an intercollegiate freshman league. This is an excellent idea, and the originator deserves a great deal of credit for putting it before the governing body. A freshman league will put the varsity game on a higher standard, because the first-year men will take far more interest in their personal development as players if they have a title for which they are playing than by simply playing a haphazard schedule,

### Mike Sweeney Has the Correct Idea

Mike Sweeney, the advisory coach at Yale, has looked over the field of athletics at New Haven and has come to the conclusion that co-operation is essential to future success in all branches of sports. That the Yale students, alumni and coaches have all been pulling in different directions for the past few years is an acknowledged fact. This Eweeney realizes. Recently he made the ppended remarks, which show his same ideas on the subject of athletic improve-

"What we must do is to put our shoulders to the wheel and help wherever it is possible. If we wish to quickly win back our former standing and confidence in the eyes of the college athletic world our efforts must not be confined to the athletics alone, nor to the management direct, but must come from every corner of university life.

"Yale has had some severe shocks within the last six or eight years, and it is only by the most intelligent united effort that she can restore herself.

"Permit me to say that the two main weaknesses which I see in Yale athletics are the lack of sound mature organization and the attitude of the student body. Unless these weaknesses are considerably improved Yale's troubles will continue

"At present Yale is about the only university in the East encouraging athleties that does not fully appreciate the direct value to athletics of the intelligent co-operation of the student body. From the standpoint of athletics, I know that a team loses at least 26 per cent. through the loss of this co-operation." \* \* \*

Golf in Philadelphia will receive its great impotus this season with the opening of the municipal links in the vicinity of Cobb's Creek, West Philadelphia. Already there have been hundreds of applications to the Park Commission for inchers. Indications are that when the course is officially opened it will be constantly occupied from early spring until bad wintry weather prevents further

Coach Joe Wright, of the Penn crews, seems to have the rowing situation well in hand. He is being praised far and wide by the Red and Blue candidates for positions in the shells, by the lay student body and the alumni. Nevertheless, his work can only be judged correctly in one way-the result of the regattas and dual meets.

Tyrus Cobb, better known as the Georgia peach and Detroit outfielder, has reported to Hugh Jennings in .400 shape, so he declares. Which is "some" shape.

## **GERMANN TOPS** LIST IN CURTIS **BOWLING PLAY**

Journal Press Wins Championship After Close and Interesting Race

STATISTICS OF LEAGUE

After a close and most interesting race broughout the season, the Curtis League inished its schedule last Friday night in a nerve-racking series of games between the four leaders. Journal and Color Press broke even on the first two games and bowled each other to a tie in the third game. Had Color Press knocked down one more pin in this game, it would have resulted in a three-team tie for the championship between Journal, Color and Engraying, the latter team having won the first two games from the Beck Engraving. The eleventh frame roll-off victory gave Journal Press undisputed claim to the cham onehip. Engraving captured second ace prize, one game behind, while Color Press and Beck Engraving tied for third hey divided the prizes.

Ray Germann, of the Engraving team, won high individual average prize, leading the league with an average of 181 for 62 games. Avil, of Color Press, got second high prize, with 177 for 55 games. Cunningham, of the Evening Ledger team, won the high three games individual score, with a total of 625. Otto, of the Engravera, got high single score of 266.

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The high three games, handicap included, for team finishing in the second division, was wen by the Country Gentleman with 2654. Captain Marshall, of the preceding team, won the high three individual second division prize, with a score of 617. The high single individual game score in second division was wen by O. Hale, of the emposition team, who rolled 239.

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Teams wishing to schedule the Hermes Travers, a 17-18-year-old team, should get in such with J. N. Lynam, 1916 Harian et.

North and South Golf Begins PINEHURST, N. C. April 8.—Entries for he 16th simual United North and South immeter championally closed at the Pinehurst custry Club at a lafe hour this evening. One mindred and eighty contoniants will start in he qualifying round tomorrow. Elighteen holes will be played on Monlay and 18 on Thesday, natch play starting on Wednesday. Fennsyl-apia citube are represented by 25 entries, of which II are from Philadelphia and 9 from Mitaburgh.

## WHEN A FELLER NEEDS A FRIEND



## "WATCH YOUR RACQUET," IS GOOD SLOGAN FOR TENNIS

with a medium large handle. Too light

wrist. Too small a handle cramps the

So, in greeting the spring, let us greet

hand and thus tires the arm

By WILLIAM T. TILDEN, 2D

THE tennis season is upon us, and many | quet is about 13 % to 14 ounces in weight, begin the season with fear and misglvings on the one hand and the joy of the game paramount on the other. Unfortunately, often the fear and misgiving is in the hand with the racquet, while the joy is

Many mistakes are made in the early season. Most of these can be avoided if one's attention is drawn to them in time. It is this which we will try to do.

First, let us start with the question of the racquet. To play good tennis one must play with a good racquet, in good condition, with good gut in it and take condition, with good gut in it and take good care of it. Before the season really opens—we tennis bugs are saying it will open April 8—get your present racquet out and take stock of its many points. If the frame is cracked or warped, buy a new bat, since any defect in the frame really a probability about 15 there are any results in mis-hit shots. If there are any strings broken, have the whole racquet re-strung. Do not get in the habit of having strings replaced.

Your whole but is loosened once a string breaks, and the only way to ever get it tight again is by re-stringing. If the stringing is still intact, but loose have the racquet re-string before start ning the season, since hitting with a loose racquet gets one into the habit of hitting too hard. The ball will not carry pace off a loosely strung bat.

Having decided that our bat must be in excellent condition, then comes the question of what style shall we use. Use the racquet which suits your game, even if R. N. Williams, 2d, or Maurice Mc-Loughlin do not indorse it. Remember you have to play with it; they do not. As a general rule, the best type rac-

BOATHOUSE ROW BITS

Fresident Harry Penn Burks, Captain Lewis Keiney and Coach Eddle Marsh, and, in fact, the entire membership of the Maita-Roat Club, are enthusiastic over the success of the campaign brought to a conclusion on flaturday night with 160 additional members.

Looks like a busy year among the Schuyt-First races will be dual events between Penn and Yale Saturday, April 22, on the Schuylidii River. There promises to be an exceptionally heavy local entry in the American Regarta this year. It is sisted to occur over the Henley mile and 550 yards course. Saturday, May 18.

John H. Kelly, of Vesper Boat Club, local single sculls champion and challenger for the national title, already has begun sutdoor work. Vesper will have a senter eight-cared crew this year. Captain Walter Smith, of Vesper, wants to chalk up 20 victories this season.

It is reported that Edward Hanlan Ten Eyek has succeeded his brother, Jim Ten Eyek, Jr., as couch of the Duluth Boat Club crews. The arrival of real spring weather will be a welcome event for bundreds of novice carsman who are enxious to gain a knowledge of the art of rowless.

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Spring Garden A. C. TUES EVE Big Joe Butler, 195 lbs. Young Jack O'Brien, 154 lbs.

Four other houts. 25c and 50c. Baxors send
names. Mgr. Kearns, 11th & Spring Garden.

# RICE PRAISES WORK OF YOUNG

Former May Be Flash, He Declares, But Chances Are He Will Be an "Alex" or a "Matty."

By GRANTLAND RICE

"There's n cry from out the loneliness-oh, batting outfit, Caldwell won 19 games and listen, honey, listen-

Do you hear it! Do you fear it! You're a-holding of me so; You're a-sobbing in your sleep, dear, and your lashes how they glisten—

Do you hear the Little Voices all a-begging me to got" -Robert W. Service.

Yes, they're whispering and pleading all across the April heather—

The brassic and the niblick and each highly bunkered spot;

Aighly bunkered apol;
And though we've apeni a winter very pleasantly together,
What is a wife, O Dearle, to a well played markie shot?
There's a cry from out the fairway and my bally soul is lurching.
To the white pill flying swiftly on a dead.

line to the green; And my heart is all a flutter and my April dreams are perching On the neck of Colonel Bogie, where I

On the neck of Colonel Bogie, where I play like a machine.
"Do you hear it? Do you fear it?"—Where the iron blades are flashing. In the yellow sun of springtime as I lean against the pill?
As I wrap the shaft around me and I send the missile crashing.
And I amble on behind it over valley-land and hill?
"You're a sobbing in your sleep, dear"—but remember, please remember, That though I've got to leave you now

That though I've got to leave you now to seek a "string of fours," I'll try and make a point of it to drop in by November, Regaling you, O Dearte, with my alibis and scores.

The Case of Mamaux

There is also, in looking to 1918, the case of Mr. Albert L. Mamaux, of Pitts-Is he another Mathewson or another Alexander, or one of those who flash and fade, as so many have done before? Mamaux is the youngest star in the major leagues. He is only 21, and yet last senson, with a club out of the hunt, he won 21 games and lost but eight, for a percentage of .724.

He looked then to be a great pitcher: 1916 will add a valuable chapter in the outline of his future place.

Ray B. Caldwell

No less interesting will be a study of the campaign to be waged by Ray Cald-well, better known to his intimate friends as "Slim." Just how great a star is the tall telegrapher? In 1914, working with a club that couldn't get him enough runs to fill a thimble, he wan 17 games and lost it with a good tennis racquet in one hand to fill a thimble, he won 17 games and lost eight. Last season, with another weak in place of the fear and misgiving of which we were speaking

# MAMAUX AND SLIM CALDWELL

To show his worth he faced Walter Johnson but twice and suppressed Walter on both occasions.

To show what he was up against, take the Yanka' first Western trip. On that journey Caldwell pitched fine ball. But his mates went 57 innings without scoring a tally for him—over six complete games. Finally Caldwell scored a run himself, and beat Detroit 1 to 0.

But he lost six games where he should have won at least four. This season, with Magee, Baker, Gedeen and others to bat in a few tables, the Yank star should give Walter Johnson an even fight. He has his chance now, if the Yank attack is as robust as it should be, to wage a keen battle for the pitching lead.

For he has the three main requisites of pitching—the stuff, how to use it and the heart. Considerable combination.

#### A Few Spring Echoes

"Mon, mon, ye has no chance to hit the ball like that; the knee's grookit, the neck's awree, the grip is right and ye maun keep an' e'e on't."

"I'll gee ye the swing; watch. Wi' nae mich and main, but easy, so." "Mon, mon, ye're pressing again; ye're oor swinging noo all the worse. Has ye no brains to lairn naught?" "Aye, noo yet has it. It's a graund shot, str, the bonnie one, considerin' yer limi-

A Matter of Wages Dear Str—If Jess Willard gets \$150,000 a year from the circus, what ought the elephant to get? PLATO PETE.

Sixteen major league clubs are coming North this week, and 10 of them expect to win the pennant. Dope springs eternal in the baseball breast—every April.







