

EARLY SPRING GAMES IN THE NORTH OFTEN INCAPACITATE PLAYERS FOR SEASON'S WORK

BASEBALL CLUBS TAKE LONG CHANCE IN PLAYING GAMES IN COLD, CHILLY WEATHER

Athletics and Phillies No Longer Indulge in Spring Series Because It Endangers the Participating Players

AFTER years of experience, some of which was of a distinctly bitter nature, Connie Mack has decided that playing a spring series at home just prior to the opening of the American League season is not a good thing for the players.

As every one knows, it was not the idea so much to please the public that inter and intra series were played in the spring; but because the managements were able to make a good deal of money, which assisted them in defraying the expenses of their spring training.

The Phillies Have Seen the Light

One of the first things that Pat Moran did when he succeeded Charley Doolan as head of the Phillies last winter was to call off the spring games with the Athletics. This was done, not because Pat did not wish to play against the Mackmen, nor because he thought money could not be made, but because he believed that in order to condition his team he should stay in the South as long as possible and not take the chance of injuring his players by having them work hard in bad weather to win games for nothing but the empty honor of the Philadelphia championship.

This year there was not a chance for the Phillies and Athletics to get together here for two reasons. In the first place, neither Mack nor Moran cared to play for the sake of the teams' condition. Secondly, the managements of the Phillies and Athletics had a dispute last winter which caused the calling off of the proposed series in the South.

The Phillies wish Philadelphia fans to see them first in action against a National League club in the race for the flag. Consequently, the majority of the players will not reach this city until next Monday night or Tuesday morning. There is a game scheduled with Washington next Monday. That contest ends the training season. The Phillies then open here on Wednesday with the Giants.

Likewise, the Athletics will not be seen here until after they make their first swing around the Eastern end of the American League circuit, opening next Wednesday in Boston.

Many Players Injured by Cold Spring Weather

How many players have been injured in this city and in other cities by playing spring series it is impossible to tell. There is no doubt that many of them develop sore arms, Charley horses and other baseball diseases in these early games, and in many cases they are unable to say just where they did hurt themselves. Bad colds and often slight attacks of fever have been developed by players who took part in games here in Philadelphia, Boston and New York in the wretched weather before the date of the season's opening.

Any one can see, for example, that Brooklyn and Yankees would have been very foolish to play a game yesterday in the weather they would have had to face. It was very cold, penetrating and generally raw at Ebbets Field.

Not only that, but the edge is taken off the fans' appetites by these games. They do not go out to the opening games and those following with the same desire to see baseball when they have had a taste of the game in the exhibition contests. So, on the whole, it appears that the club owners loss in the long run by their efforts to corner the coin market.

Carroll Brown Ruined in a Local Exhibition Game

In 1913 the Athletics trained in Houston, Texas. Although the team had a tough time getting home because of wauilouts that resulted from the big frosts that spring, they had good days in the Lone Star State and were in good condition. They had a long stay in the South, having left Philadelphia about February 20.

Carroll Brown, the big right-hander from Atlantic City, looked particularly good that year. His arm was in great shape and he was "buzzing 'em over" in the South with terrific speed. He was, in fact, one of the most promising pitchers on the staff, not even excepting the veterans Bender, Coombs and Plank.

But Brown's superb condition proved his undoing. The Phillies lined up against the Athletics on Saturday, April 5, 1913, at the Philadelphia Park. The day was far worse than yesterday here. It was colder, a stiff wind was blowing, and the water-laden atmosphere was extremely penetrating. The Mackmen scored two runs in the first inning, but after that they were unable to cross the rubber. There was bitter rivalry between the two teams, so that when the Phils tied the score in the ninth, Brown, because of his great condition, decided to continue in the box.

The result was that the teams played to a 2-2 tie, the game going 15 innings. And Brown pitched the entire contest for the Athletics against Alexander, Chalmers and Brennan.

Brown never recovered from that game. His arm never again was in perfect shape. In 1914, he was released to the New York Yankees, and now he has been released by Donovan just at the time when he should be a great pitcher at the height of his career.

No Attempt Made to Discredit Princeton

There has been much comment in college circles regarding an article which appeared in these columns recently in which it was stated that Princeton's opponents were handicapped when playing the Tigers at home because of the difference in weight of the ball used in the game.

The article in question did not reflect on the sportsmanship and fairness of the athletic authorities at Princeton. It merely stated that a light ball was used in one of the games and the opposing team found it difficult to become accustomed to it. This is likely to happen, because two balls are made official by the basketball league; namely, the Spalding M and the Wood & Guest. Princeton used the latter one in the game referred to, while the other team was accustomed to a Spalding.

The rules state that the ball "must be not less than 30 inches and not more than 32 inches in circumference and not less than 20 and not more than 23 ounces in weight." It is not known whether the ball was below the required weight in the game referred to, which was against Swarthmore, but, according to the players on the Garnet five, it was lighter than the one they had been using.

Tod Eberle, coach of the Swarthmore basketball team, has written a letter to the Sports Editor in which he explains the game in question. Mr. Eberle says: "The ball used in the Swarthmore-Princeton basketball game was lighter than the one we were accustomed to, and it affected the playing of my team considerably. I do not wish to present excuses or an alibi for our overwhelming defeat, however, nor do I question the fairness of Princeton. That day Princeton defeated us without half trying and was in shape to beat any team in the country. Whether the Spalding ball was used or not made little difference in the result.

Kept Missing Goal After Goal

"However, I was amazed at the start of the game when Jack Sproul, an accurate foot shooter, missed goal after goal from the 15-foot mark. Captain Harry then tried it and the result was the same. Between the halves I asked what was the matter and was told that the ball seemed to be light. I asked Mr. Fisher, the referee, to weigh the ball and he turned me over to Doctor Raycroft, a member of the Rules Committee. Doctor Raycroft told me that Princeton had used the same style of ball for years and it had given fine service in the way of wear and holding its shape. When I finished talking with Raycroft, the second half started and the ball was not weighed."

Naturally, if Princeton did use a lighter ball, the Tigers were handicapped away from home as much as the visitors were at Princeton. A difference of three ounces in weight will affect the accuracy of a foul thrower, and it is probable that such was the case.

Hence, as was stated in the beginning, there never was any attempt to accuse Princeton of not playing fair with the other teams in the Intercollegiate League. But to prevent further argument it would be a good plan for the Intercollegiate Basketball League to take steps to standardize the ball more than they have at present.

We read with interest of the large sums demanded by Fred Fulton to engage in ring encounters. The press agent doesn't seem to realize that confederate money is no longer negotiable.

KELLY—AT HOME



SIX HIGH SCHOOL CREWS NOW OUT FOR RIVER WORK

Central, Northeast and West Phillies Dot Schuylkill in Afternoon Spins

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

Before the week is out it is quite likely that six schoolboy crews will be at work on the Schuylkill River. Central High School has two crews on the water at this time, rowing from the Under Boat Club.

The Northeast athletes rowed from the Fairmount Club, where permanent quarters have been secured through the efforts of influential members of the club. The West Philadelphia High School boys will be out this afternoon with a couple of boats, rowing from the Malta Boat Club, under the direction of Eddie March, the coach.

This city will therefore be well represented in rowing and in the scholastic race at the American Henley.

West Philadelphia High School's exercises have been arranged for the Princeton Freshmen the week before the American Henley. Manager Brown thought that this trip, so near to the Henley, and the scholastic title event, would harm West Philadelphia's chances of winning the race on the Schuylkill River.

Two schools are saving their best twirling "hoes" for the Intercollegiate League game next Friday. The Intercollegiate League game next Friday will be played at Princeton, and it is expected that the Intercollegiate League game will be played at Princeton.

Coach James Stroman, of the Northeast track squad, looks forward to the time when, Mr. Eberle, the Swarthmore distance runner, will again be eligible. Northeast has lost many star track and field athletes, basketball and football players, who have failed to come up to the scholastic requirements of the school.

The Penn Charter School-Charltonham High School baseball game, postponed from yesterday afternoon because of the weather, will probably be played next Monday afternoon. For a time the Charltonham and Penn Charter students thought the game would be played today, but word was soon passed around that Friends' Central was on the Charltonham High school for today, and that other arrangements would have to be made.

The school baseball squads are busy. Central High and the other high schools are again taking advantage of the weather as well as the better condition of the grounds. Practice was called off yesterday afternoon owing to the snowy condition of the field.

Spicer Captures Billiards Title NEW YORK, April 5.—Samuel Spicer, of this city, won the national championship at English billiards by defeating the titleholder, John O'Neill, in the second and final block of their 500-point match.

Chance Minor League Manager SAN FRANCISCO, April 5.—Frank Chance, former manager of the Chicago Nationals and the New York Americans, has made his debut as manager of the Los Angeles team during the season of 1916.

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Scholastic Athletic Schedule for Today

BASEBALL, High vs. Germantown Academy, at Germantown; Philadelphia High vs. Friends' Central, at Friends' Central; Philadelphia High vs. Episcopal Academy, at Episcopal; Philadelphia Textile School vs. St. Joseph's College, at St. Joseph's; Haverford School vs. Fourth Street Club, at Haverford.

ATLANTIC LEAGUE SCHEDULE

Three Hundred Games Will Be Played This Summer

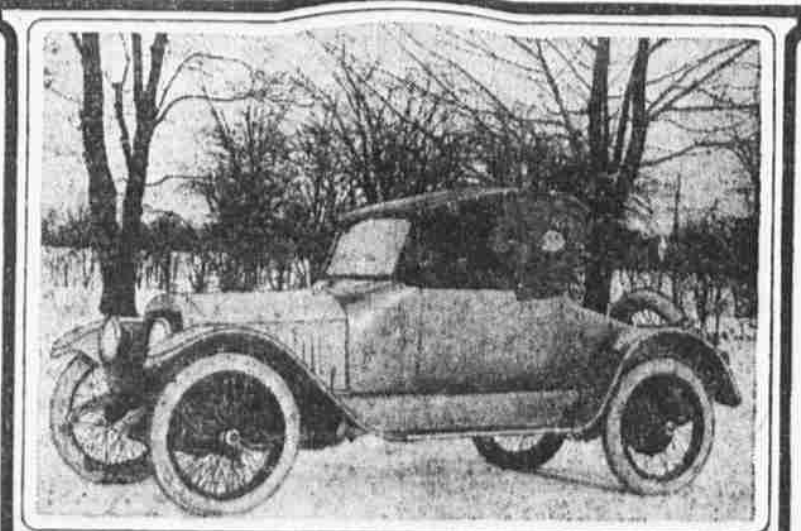
A schedule of more than 300 games covering the season from May 10 until Labor Day, September 4, has been announced by promoters of the Atlantic League, an independent baseball circuit, composed of clubs in six towns. The towns represented are Reading, Easton, Pottsville and Allentown, Pa., Paterson, N. J., and Wilmington, Del.

BASEBALL GAMES WANTED

Telephone Red, first class, traveling. Manager, E. W. Kaubacher, 414 North Cleveland street. Phone Wyoming 1084 W. Allegheny B. C., first class, traveling. Manager, E. Summers, 3212 Emerald street. Hillsdale A. C., 18-19-year-old, home. Manager, W. Hines, 1472 North Fraser street. Dalton, first class, traveling. Manager, Dr. H. J. Carroll, southeast corner 38th and Wallace streets. Phone Tremont 6111.

Hahn Out of Tourney

NEW YORK, April 5.—The semifinal matches in the national amateur court tennis tournament at the Racquet and Tennis Club of New York, today. Three players who are still in competition are Charles E. Sande of New York; Roger Whitney, of New York; S. Cutting, of New York; and Joshua Crain, of Boston. S. Cutting dropped out of the Philadelphia W. H. T. Hahn, in a match that was exceedingly easy, with the score of 6-2, 6-3, 6-3.



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Great Caesar's Ghost—and what means this? This matchless melody I hear, That throes once more with ancient ditties Rare ecstasy into the ear; For as long as the motor in an automobile is working properly, the machine can still perform at good speed, even though the framework is a bit frazzled and in disarray.

The Kauffman Test Strictly speaking, the great musician of baseball is none other than Fran. Benny Kauff, the Great What Will He Do of Balltown, passed his first test very satisfactorily.

Against Tiger pitchers he reported at the plate 20 times and blew himself to seven swats. We believe this nets a batting average for the series of 3.50, or a batting average of .250 for the series.

But, starting out Friday, Bonnie faces an even tougher test. On this occasion, for three days, he will be tossed in against Yankee pitchers who for the most part have been tuned up since February. And having inspected Yank pitching, you can take it first hand that Mr. Kauff will be in against the real thing.

MANUFACTURERS' LEAGUE TO PLAY FIRST GAME ON MAY 6

Officers of Organization Elected at Recent Meeting

Saturday, May 6, is the date set for the opening of the Manufacturers' Baseball League. It was decided at a recent meeting. The league is composed of eight teams representing the leading industrial plants in this city.

The officers elected at the meeting were: President, Thomas J. Callahan, C. H. Wheeler Manufacturing Company; vice president, James Weeden, Moore and White Company; secretary, Walter P. Eble, Cary Wall Paper Company; treasurer, Frederick Orty, H. W. Butterworth Sons' Company; official scorer, F. Nickolson, Keystone Supply Company.

Ellis Wins Second Block PITTSBURGH, April 3.—Charles R. Ellis, night's three-cushion billiard champion, last night won the second block of his match with Patsy Maupome, of St. Louis, 71 to 30, in 30 innings. The score is now: Maupome, 100; Ellis, 94.

Advertisement for Gothic Arrow Collar. Includes image of a collar and text: 'GOTHIC AN ARROW COLLAR Fits the knot of a four-in-hand or bow perfectly. 2 for 25c. Claett, Readdy & Co., Inc., Makers'

Yachtsmen's Annual Meeting The Delaware River Yachtsmen's League will hold its annual outing at Burlington Island on July 22 and 23, providing suitable arrangements can be made.

Advertisement for Haynes America's Greatest Light Six car. Includes image of the car and text: 'THE HAYNES America's Greatest Light Six This pioneer light six defies both description and comparison. When you ride in one, you forget there's an engine in the car. Haynes construction, equipment and finish are of the highest standard. Complete catalogue on request or phone Spruce 4723 for convincing demonstration. JOHNSON MOTOR CAR CO. 132-134 No. Broad St.'

Cartoon strip titled 'EVENING LEDGER MOVIES'. Includes dialogue bubbles: 'MARTIN, I WISH TO PUT YOUR EDUCATION TO A TEST', 'GIVE ME A SENTENCE USING THE WORD "DEBATE"', 'H'MMMMM?', 'LEMME PONDER!', 'A-HEM!', 'HOW'S THIS?', 'WHENEVER I GO A FISHING, I ALWAYS FETCH DE-BAIT!', 'I'VE GOT A LINE ON YOU!', 'WELL DON'T TACKLE ME!'.