

"TED" MEREDITH PREDICTS LOWERING OF ONE-MILE RELAY RECORD—SCHOOL NEWS

RAIN PREVENTS PHILS PLAYING BOSTON BRAVES

First of Series Scheduled for Tomorrow at National League Park

STALLINGS CONFIDENT

By CHANDLER D. RICHTER

The opening game of the first series of the season between the Phillies and Braves, scheduled for this afternoon, was postponed on account of wet grounds.

Managers Moran and Stallings were both anxious to play, as neither is anxious to have double-headers pile up for later in the season, but after waiting until 2 o'clock in hopes that the sun would come out and dry the field, the two leaders decided that it was impossible to stage the contest.

The two managers have just decided that the game could not be played when the sun came out. The late hour of the postponement and the shaming sun at 2:15 caused a great crowd of fans to go to the ball park, only to be disappointed.

The Braves arrived in this city this morning, keyed up for the series. There is not a player in Stallings' large squad who does not feel confident that the team is going to win the pennant, and they were anxious to deal the Phillies a crushing blow right at the start of the season.

Two straight defeats at the hands of the Phillies might cause the Braves to kick badly and would surely take away some of the confidence which is so noticeable at the present time. Stallings' men are convinced that they will walk away with the pennant, and this confidence may bring about their downfall.

A team suffering from overconfidence is worse off than one which lacks it, and a few defeats go a long way toward warding a team in that condition on the downward grade.

Alex to Pitch As usual, Alexander the Great will start the series for the Phillies, and it is likely either Mayer or Rixey will pitch the last game. Under ordinary circumstances the latter is not as dependable as other hurlers on Moran's staff, but against the Braves the lanky Virginian is particularly effective.

Last season Rixey won five games from Boston and was beaten only two. It is possible that he will again be able to "throw his glove into the box" and get away with Stallings' team.

The first game will be a real test for Alexander, and the Philly star will have to be in his 1915 form if he hopes to win. He not only will face a harder hitting team, but will be opposed to Dick Rudolph, star of the Boston staff. Rudolph is in wonderful form. The Mackmen who batted against him in the world's series, and again this spring, declared that he was better for the March of this season than in October of 1914.

Several new faces will be seen with the Braves, and a few old ones will be there with different uniforms. Elmer Knetsch, the old Brooklyn pitcher, who has not been seen in this city since the opening series of 1913, is likely to pitch one of the games here. Knetsch jumped Brooklyn in the series of 1913 for the Pittsburgh Pirates, being the first major league player to cast his lot with the independent organization.

Without a Regular Some of the new men are without, the Vernon outfielder, who needs no introduction to Evening Ledger readers, as he was tipped off as a recruit certain to be a regular before the season opened; Blackburn, Traggerson, Compton, Neff and Barnes. The last three named were with the Braves when the team played its last series here last fall.

Blackburn and Traggerson are catchers. The former played with Indianapolis of the American Association, and unless we are very much mistaken he will have Hank Gowdy's first catching job before the season closes. Blackburn is one of the cleverest and smoothest young catchers who has broken into the National League in quite a while.

Incidentally, John Evers also will be on hand to receive his usual "panning" from the fans. Evers' health is better and he seems to be on the threshold of one of the greatest seasons in his long career. We cannot recall ever seeing Evers in better shape than this spring. He has played grand ball during the training season and against the Dodgers in the opening series of the championship season.

Nabors vs. Caldwell While the Phillies are entertaining the Braves, the Athletics will meet Bill Donovan's reconstructed Highlanders. Frank Baker is due to make his first appearance against his old team mates, and, needless to say, there will be quite a battle. Mack's best pitching assets will be given special instructions on how to pitch to the home-run king, while J. Franklin Baker will be extremely anxious to pole a few drives into the short rightfield stand, which he helped to make famous.

Jack Ngoris is likely to do the hurdling for the Mackmen, while Ray Caldwell is the logical choice for the Yankees, though it is possible that Manager Donovan will give Bob Shawkey a chance to humble his old team mates. Donovan is looking for a soft series, but may be sadly disappointed, as the Athletics are improving rapidly. The brilliant work of Lawton Witt in his debut in Boston on Saturday was no surprise, and the youngster probably has clinched the position. Witt made a clean hit; beat out another bouncer; took two bases on an infield out and fielded brilliantly. Box scores sent out from Boston some of the local papers credited Witt with three errors, but this was a mistake. The youngster had five chances, three of which were hard ones, and accepted them all cleanly.

National and American League Week's Records. Table with columns for National League and American League, listing teams like Boston, Chicago, Cleveland, etc., and their records.

PENN IS LAST IN COLLEGIATE BATTING RECORD

Quakers Have But .111 Average on List Led by Columbia

The University of Pennsylvania's baseball team can hardly be found in the official collegiate batting averages. The averages, which do not include Saturday's game, show that Penn is hitting for the enormous team average of .111, and as the Red and Blue got only one single against Haverford on Saturday, that total is cut down some more.

Howard Berry is credited with a .250 average and is the first Penn man, but he is so far down in the list that he can hardly be found. Berry is a natural slugger and is sure to be among the leaders before the season closes, but there is no telling what the rest of the team will do.

Eugenorus, Watt and Benson, of Columbia are the leading clubbers to date, all being above the .500 mark. The averages through Thursday of last week for teams that have played two or more games follow:

TEAM BATTING. Table with columns for Team, G, W, L, PC, AB, R, H, E, PC. Lists teams like Columbia, Yale, Princeton, etc.

INDIVIDUAL BATTING AVERAGES. Table with columns for Player, G, AB, R, H, E, PC. Lists players like Eugenorus, Watt, Benson, etc.

HAVRE DE GRACE ENTRIES SCHEDULED TOMORROW

First race, 3-year-olds, selling, 4 furlongs—Ima Frank, 111; Shrapnel, 103; Hith Strickland, 106; Garnet, 107; Greenias, 100; Philly Boy, 104.

Second race, 4-year-olds and up, selling, 1 1/2 miles—Trotter, 121; Billy, 117; Little Hugh, 145; Aviator, 143; Phantom, 140; Hambo, 131; Handrunning, 133; Cuban, 145.

Third race, 3-year-olds and up, handicap, 5 furlongs—Judge Wright, 97; Stiles Knob, 102; Presumption, 103; Tialan, 104; Anita, 104; 105; Robert Bradley, 110; Caribbe, 93; Pair Heine, 108; Prince Henry, 118; Anita, 104; Sir Edgar, 110.

Fourth race, 2-year-olds, the Germantown Selling Stakes, 4 furlongs—Chomung, 112; Nonsequ, 114; Rhymer, 102; The Only One, 111; Manikin, 104.

Fifth race, 4-year-olds and up, selling, 6 furlongs—Gilt, 115; Joe Finn, 112; Brightness, 107; Kootanay, 112; Moran, 104; Korvick, 101; Hazy, 117; Ancon, 111; Pontefract, 112; Aptax, 98.

Schradler to Play Pro Ball LEXINGTON, Ky., April 17.—Charles C. Schradler, of Philadelphia, rated as the best all-around athlete ever turned out at the University of Kentucky, will go into professional baseball at the end of his term at the university, where he will graduate in June. Schradler will first sign a contract with the local team, which has seen several players to the big leagues, and expects later to try with one of the Philadelphia organizations. Local coaches say he is the fastest working infielder ever seen on the Kentucky athletic field.

RECORD TO FALL IN 1-MILE RELAY, SAYS MEREDITH

Harvard and Penn Are Favorites, but Chicago Must Be Reckoned

GREATEST MEET EVER

By TED MEREDITH

Captain of the University of Pennsylvania Track Team With the weather warming up as it has during the last week, Franklin Field has taken on a new aspect, one which appears to be very businesslike, due to the fact that Friday and Saturday, April 23 and 24, the classic track and field event of this country will be held. The Penn relays will, barring poor weather conditions, reach their zenith this year. All preparations have been made, so now all that is left is the shaping of the athletes and the time to roll around.

Never before have so many colleges and schools entered this big event and, according to reports from the West and East, the teams will all be in better shape this year than ever. This is due to the great interest which has been taken during the last season in indoor work, so we have the men in shape much earlier this year.

It is a hard job to pick out any one event and call it the "special attraction," for they all give promise to be good. But it is safe to say that more eyes will be turned to the college one-mile championship than to any other one race. This will be a great event and won't be decided until the last yard is run. Harvard seems to be the favorite, having three men from last year's team who have shown in past performances an average of 45 seconds or better. This tops anything other teams can show, so if their other men can do a fair quarter they will either break the record of 3:15 made last year by our team or make another team do so to beat them.

Chicago is Dark Horse Every one I have talked to seems to think that the race is between Harvard and ourselves, with the rest of the entrants trailing along, but they haven't heard or seen what I have of this Chicago team. On March 25, at the Missouri A. C. games in St. Louis, I saw Chicago run away from the Illinois one-mile team in 3:25. This does not sound so fast, but here were the conditions: The track was the worst I have ever been on and it was 12 laps to the mile. At that, the Chicago team didn't have to try after the first quarter.

On a fair indoor track this would have been a good 3:25 mile, which is 2-5 of a second better than the indoor record held by the New York A. C. Harvard and Penn have not had a chance to show what they could do on a good indoor track, so I can't compare times, but I will say the Chicago team will be in the running and have a great chance to win.

Penn's team which broke the record last year, will be crippled by the loss of Don Lippincott and this will be felt heavily. They have Kaufman, the old wood back, besides four other men, who promise to be good quarter-milers. They are Lannon, Dorsey, Scudder and Pope. If we can get a man from the quartet who will do under 50 seconds we will be able to put out a team which will be hard to beat. Coach Orton has great hopes of having that man, and I believe he will see his goal counted on to defend our title in good shape.

Simpson Good Hurdler Simpson, the Missouri hurdler, who is credited with 15.15 seconds, will be on hand, and those who are interested in hurdling will see one of the best hurdlers in the country. Simpson has perfect form, together with speed, which stands him out as probably the best hurdler in college ranks, with the probable exception of Murray, of California.

Simpson will find little trouble in defeating his field at the relays, as Murray will not be East until the intercollegiate. As in previous years, Penn will enter a team in every college championship event, but their strongest teams will be in the one-mile and the short medley relays. Our two-mile team will be a good one, but Yale and Michigan have such fast relays this year that I am afraid these two will monopolize the first and second.

WHAT MAY HAPPEN IN BASEBALL TODAY

NATIONAL LEAGUE. Table with columns for Team, W, L, PC, Win, Loss. Lists teams like Boston, Chicago, Cleveland, etc.

AMERICAN LEAGUE. Table with columns for Team, W, L, PC, Win, Loss. Lists teams like Boston, St. Louis, Chicago, etc.

Amateur Baseball Notes

Clinton F. C. 18-19-year-old, traveling. Manager, William Swain, 231 South 4th street, Arlington A. A. first class, Manager, N. H. Edgerton, 4370, during the day, of Island 1849 J, between 4:30 and 7:30 p. m.

Shamrock F. C. first class, Manager, John Fox, 440 Hildegar street, Shamrock, June 10, 10-year-old, home. Manager, James Murphy, 1225 South Napa street.

Anchor Giants, first class, traveling. Open dates 200, 413 and 20. Manager, James G. Reid, 221 West Chestnut avenue, Philadelphia 245.

Murray A. 16-17-year-old, Manager, T. Reilly, 2029 Gray's Ferry road, Phone Dick-1000, 4823, between 8:00 and 8:30 p. m. Philadelphia City A. C. first class, traveling. Manager, Joseph P. Cooley, 123 Front street, Phone Kensington 3730, after 7 p. m.

DICK RUDOLPH, BOSTON STAR HURLER



The Braves' great will be opposed to the Phillies' great, Alexander, in the opening fray of their series starting tomorrow.

NEWS FROM THE BOWLING ALLEYS

Tomorrow will witness the conclusion of the second annual championships of the Atlantic Coast Bowling Association. The former national champions, Sam Rodgers and Ed Satterthwaite, are leading the two-man team tournament, with 1211 wins. The Manufacturers Club team is second in the five-man team tournament, with a total of 2760, rolled on Friday night, being beaten by the Cordia Stars, of New York, who knocked down 2823 pins on Saturday.

Sam Rodgers is third in the singles, with 631 pins, seven pins over that the score registered by J. Thompson, of New York, who leads with 611. Two other local bowlers, who were up in the singles standing, Lake of Manette, having topped over 600, and Pick being first, with 628.

The local bowlers returned from Washington on Saturday night well satisfied with their trip to the capital. The Nationals got the Bowling League championship trophy, while Station 5 captured the American Ice Company trophy.

With the Quakers winning the five-man team championship of the National Association, and Sam Rodgers and Satterthwaite having a chance to win the doubles title, in the Atlantic Coast tourney, the local squads have figured quite prominently in the two big Eastern bowling championships.

In a few weeks all the local five-man team games will be over for the season. Liberty Bell squad retained the Philadelphia League lead last week. It has a four-game advantage over Pennsylvania Railroad team. Manette again is leading the Quaker City series, in the Artisans' League matches. Section A Underdown has a two-game better record than Northwestern. In Section B, the Northwestern team seems to have won the championship.

Hit by Pitched Ball; Dies ELKINS, W. Va., April 17.—Shirley Phillips, aged 16, was instantly killed when struck by a baseball pitched by J. E. Slaughter in a game at Harding, near here. A coroner's jury later exonerated Slaughter.

Boost Racing in Wilmington WILMINGTON, Del., April 17.—Business men of this city have guaranteed the special purses for the events of the Delaware State Fair. These include a \$500 purse for 3-year-olds, with \$100 purses in the 2-20 trot, 2-25 pace, 2-30 trot and 2-10 pace.

EPISCOPAL NOW LOOMS STRONG IN BASEBALL

Shirley McCall May Twirl Churchmen to League Pennant

OTHER SCHOOLS NEWS

Episcopal Academy suddenly jumped to the fore in the baseball world, so far as an intercollegiate League contests are concerned, when the Churchmen defeated Penn Charter School. Following the triumph administered the Episcopal players by Swarthmore Preparatory only a few days prior to the Penn Charter game, the 9 to 4 victory over the Quakers came as even a bigger surprise.

Shirley McCall, who sprang into scholastic prominence as twirler when he pitched a no-hit game against Collingswood High School, was again in action when Episcopal defeated the Churchmen, and he was again in fine form, striking out 12 and allowing only four hits. He also aided his team at bat with two hits, both of which scored two runs. Penn Charter's error column showed that five faults were down to mar the record of the losers.

Dave Smith, son of Mayor Smith, is not only one of the dependable twirlers on the baseball team, but is also a member of the track squad. Mayor Smith attended the dual track and field meet between Penn Charter and Georgetown, when "Dave" finished fourth in the pole vault.

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Graham, the Chestnut Hill Academy twirler, pitched a very good game for the initial contest with P. D., on Saturday, April 15, winning by a score of 8 to 4. Bob Martin pitched a good game at short. Next Saturday a week in the Hillyard and Penn Charter school will play at St. Martin's.

Penn Charter School will undoubtedly capture the intercollegiate League tennis title again this year, unless Episcopal Academy upsets the title hopes of the Yellow and Blue. With such players as Captain Valtin Bright,

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By C. A. VOIGHT

Pennock, Elmer, Brigham, Myers, Pollard and Wood. Dr. Clinton Strong has excellent season. St. Luke's School opened its baseball season in splendid style at Wayne, defeating the Swarthmore Preparatory School team 7 to 3. When Whitcomb, Jr. stepped, allowed only three hits and failed eight opponents.

The Gimran School was no match for Tama Institute, not even giving the Ford Dorson athletes a chance to practice. The final score was Tama Institute, 6; Gimran, 1. It was a no-run, no-hit game for Miller, who fanned 17 players.

Georgetown School opened its baseball season with a 14 to 8 victory over the Bran Athyn Academy nine. At Georgetown School, even the George School pitcher, fanned 14 men out of the four first hits.

Due to the twirlings of McKenty, the Brown Preparatory School twirler, the Brown and White defeated the Atlantic City High School nine in the opening game, 9 to 8. McKenty's all-round good work was a feature of the game.

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PETEY—No Chance to Slip One Over on the Old Boy

