

ATHLETICS TO MAKE HARD TRY FOR FIRST DIVISION BERTH, BELIEVES CLARKE GRIFFITH

BRILLIANT VICTORY OVER JOHNSON CONVINCES GRIFFITH MACKMEN ARE POWERFUL

Washington Leader Admits Athletics Are Going to Make Great Bid for First Division Berth—Witt and Myers Star

When Manager Clark Griffith, of Washington, brought his team to this city last Thursday he felt absolutely certain that he at last had a team which was going to take the lead in the American League race...

Just prior to taking the train Griffith declared that the American League teams anticipating easy victories every time they face the Athletics are going to be badly fooled...

Griffith picked Walter Johnson to repeat against the Mackmen, believing that he could clinch the final game and take the series. He received the surprise of his life when Johnson received the hardest drubbing he has received in several seasons...

The Mackmen made 13 hits and 4 runs before Manager Griffith pulled Johnson from the mound, and if it had not been for sensational plays the total probably would have reached 17 if the famous hurler had been permitted to remain on the mound...

Mackmen Now Have Needed Confidence

Every game won by the Mackmen has increased the confidence and caused a noticeable improvement in the general work, particularly in fielding, but the moral effect of the triumph over Johnson yesterday will be greater than if four or five games were marked on the right side of the ledger against ordinary pitchers...

With the Western teams here for the next two weeks, the Mackmen will need all the batting strength they can muster together, as Detroit, Chicago and Cleveland have been scoring a great number of runs and have been hitting the ball hard...

The Athletics have nothing to fear from the West, if the young hurlers continue to show consistent form. New York and Boston are rated as strong hitting teams, but they were unable to average better than three runs per game of Mack's pitchers in 13 games...

Witt and Myers Star in Downfall of Johnson

While virtually all of the Mackmen aided in the downfall of Washington's mighty hurler, two recruits, Lawton Witt and Elmer Myers, were the most prominent factors, though the veteran Lajoie and Amos Strunk also did yeoman work...

Thereafter, Washington never had a chance against the great speed and sharp breaking curve ball of the up-State lad. Only four hits were made by the Senators and two of these were scratches, while Myers grew stronger as the game progressed...

The sensational work of Witt is the talk of the town today. The schoolboy wonder looked better than in any previous game and showed signs of developing into the player we predicted he would be...

Witt Hit Everything Johnson Pitched

He slammed everything Johnson shot up to the plate and finished the day with a perfect average, getting two doubles, a single and a long sacrifice fly. Prior to hitting the sacrifice fly, Witt laced two long drives to the fence which were foul by inches...

Witt had the confidence he showed at the training camp. Johnson did not worry him a bit. The first double was made off a sweeping curve ball after Walter had him in the hole. He also was in the hole when he made his second drive, having had two strikes and no balls called when Johnson tried to sneak a fast one over the outside corner...

Confidence in Hitting Ability Has Returned

When Witt hit his triple off Keating, which was his first long drive of the season, we predicted that he would start swinging freely and extra base hits would be his specialty, and the youngster is now coming through. He is likely to get better every day now, though the fans must expect him to have his bad days, as he is still a trifle green and may take a "balloon ascension" occasionally...

In the field the Mackmen played brilliantly. Thompson made an unfortunate misjudgment, and Charley Pick was credited with an error on a difficult chance, but brilliant plays by the entire team more than atoned for these misplays. Lajoie, Witt and McInnis pulled plays that reminded an enthusiastic crowd of the heyday of the famous \$100,000 infield, of which the latter is the sole survivor...

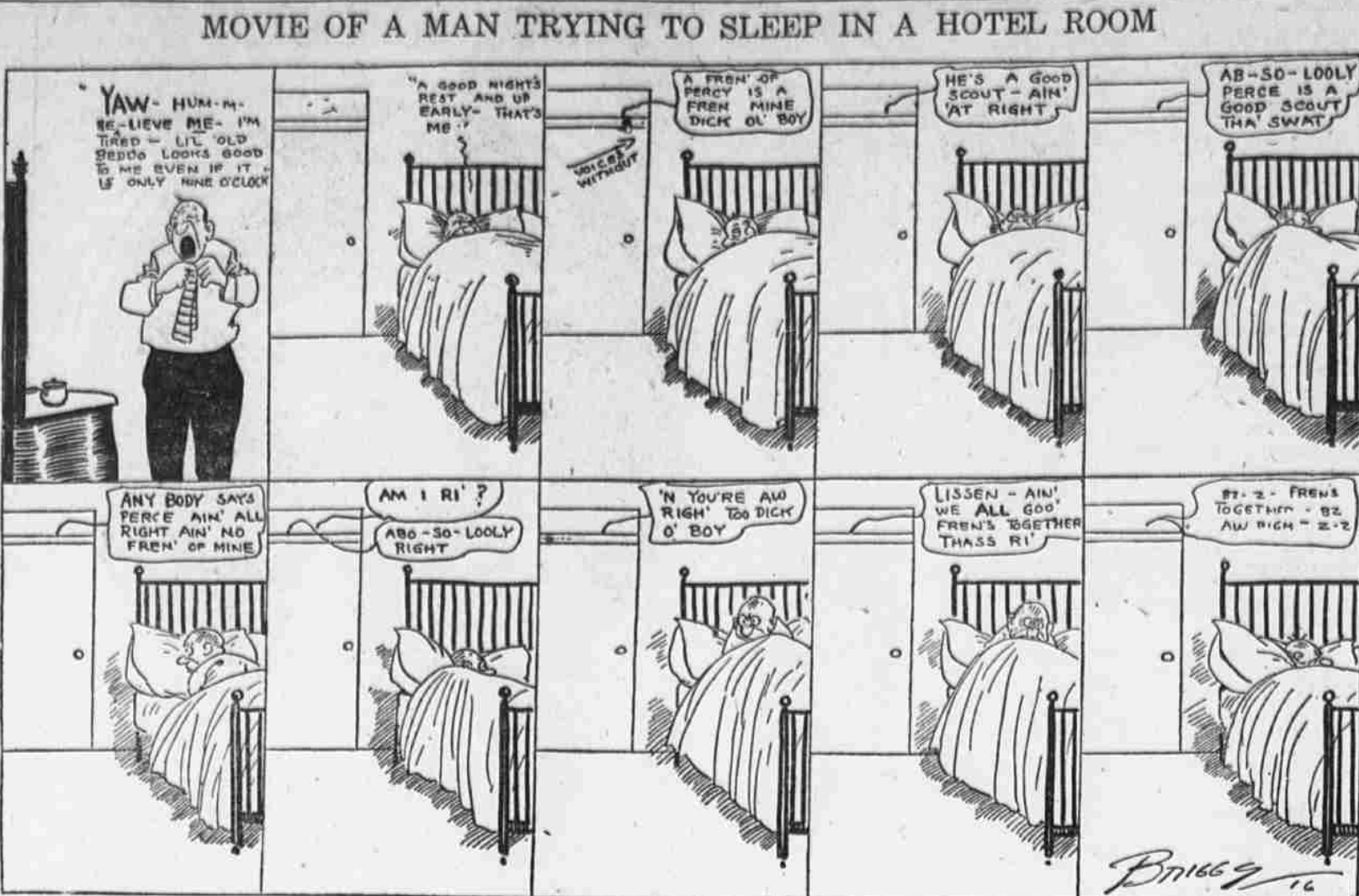
Phillies Still in Batting Slump

While the Mackmen were scoring a great triumph the Phillies went down to defeat again at the hands of Brooklyn. Weak hitting was the cause of the defeat, as Alexander the Great pitched his usual brilliant ball. The Phillies secured only four hits off "Wheeler" Dell, who blanked them for the second time during the series, which is some feat...

The batting slump is coming at a very bad time, as the Phils are en route for the West, where they will have no chance for morning practice. The most discouraging feature of the work of the team in the last two weeks has been the miserable hitting and slow fielding of Cravath. A few years ago Doolin benched Cravath for a few weeks with excellent results, and it might not be a bad idea for Moran to try this stunt...

Larry Lajoie declares that he enjoys baseball more this season than at any other time in his 21-year career and he attributes it to the presence of young Witt at short. Larry is enthusiastic about the youngster and says it is a pleasure to work beside a youth who has so much nerve, ginger, fight and ambition, without being too fresh. Witt provides many a laugh for the other infielders also with his incessant chattering...

A young man named Weacott, who is pitching for Wesleyan College and who will join the Athletics, read a great deal about the terrific hitting of Witt and Buonaguro, of Columbia, who also may be given major league trials, so he decided to test his skill against Columbia last Saturday. Buonaguro hit one foul ball and sacrificed in four trips to the plate, while Witt also was disposed of on strikes three times. Which would make it seem that Mack has a rather clever young college pitcher coming...



NO DELLAH HAS SNIPPED LOCKS OF SAMSON DORIZAS

Penn Greek Breaks Collegiate Strong Man Record. 2109 Points

IN POOR SHAPE, TOO!

THE intercollegiate jamboree, meaning East vs. West and West vs. East, which is now under way, brings on more interesting possibilities than any intercollegiate cross-crusade for several years...

Mike Dorizas is king again. He has regained his title as strong man at the University of Pennsylvania and of all the colleges in the United States by breaking the strength record made a short time ago by Edward Russell, tackle on last year's Red and Blue eleven. Mike set up a new mark today of 2109 points, 75 better than the old mark. He walked into the physical examination office this morning in Weightman Hall...

"What's all this I hear about a new strength record?" asked the herculean wrestler and all-round athlete, as he stripped off his coat. He grabbed a back-stripping machine and yanked the handles almost out by the roots till they groaned with the strain...

"It's true," said Dr. W. B. Cromie, assistant physical director. "Your old record of 1776 points was smashed by Russell, who made 1968 points. I guess that record will stand for a good many years." "Well, we'll just see," answered Mike, as he drew his shirt over his sturdy head and flexed his mighty arm...

Office hangers-on, students and others gathered when the news spread that the Greek was going after a new record. Doctor Cromie got out his record sheets, his lung-testers, bolted down his machines a little tighter to the floor, heaved a sigh as he laid out some of the more delicate instruments, and then gave the signal. Mighty Mike heaved his chest, grabbed a pulley and the trial was on...

Boils came down as the great muscles of the athlete's back gathered and trembled as Dorizas threw back his head, puffed out his cheeks and strained with all his heart. The door slowly closed, and the windows sagged in as Mike drew in air and expanded his enormous chest. Another record fell when the measurements were set down...

The arms he used for his famous "bear-squeeze," with which he threw, in wrestling, the biggest giants of the college rank, were the only members of his powerful body that were not in the record today. On the "arm extension" machine he was only able to register 310 points as against the 350 points he forced on its register when he set up his first mark...

"Ouch!" exclaimed Mike, when he strained today to better his score. He rubbed his shoulder and smiled. "I'm not in very good shape to break a record today," he said. "Wait till my shoulder gets well. Then I'm going to make a record that will be a real one." He hurt his shoulder in wrestling practice...

Dorizas also fell down on the "arm flexor" test, when he only made 290, as against his previous mark of 330 points. But in nearly all the other tests he kept his lungs, back, legs, neck and hands the modern Samson tackled a few points on the mark made by Russell...

The test today was Mike's final physical "exam." Every student at the University is required to take an examination when he enters and again when he leaves the University. Mike says his strength is due to leading a "right life." He has played varsity football, track and wrestling, so that he keeps in condition all year round for a long time. Then he crossed the ligaments of his big frame, still strained from his previous efforts. He shook his head. "I have nothing to say..."

Tomie Athlete Breaks Mile Record TOMIE SCHOOL, Md., May 9.—William Henry Baker, of York, Pa., who is a student at the Tomie school, has broken the mile record of the Lawrenceville intercollegiate by six seconds. Baker ran the mile in 4:48.

NEXT TWO WEEKS WILL SHOW RELATIVE STRENGTH OF THE CONTENDING CLUBS

Fans Throughout Country Watch With Interest First 1916 Diamond Clash of East vs. West

By GRANTLAND RICE

THE intercollegiate jamboree, meaning East vs. West and West vs. East, which is now under way, brings on more interesting possibilities than any intercollegiate cross-crusade for several years. In this shifting of troops and wagon trains the East goes west in the National League, while the West comes east in the American...

For Example— These next two or three weeks will show us many things. In the American League we will see how Washington, successful in the East, can stand up under the hammering of Detroit, Chicago, Cleveland and St. Louis...

And we shall also see just how serious this Cleveland rally is. If Mr. Fohl and his pet Indians can rip along through Boston, New York and Washington as they have out West the Cleveland revival will be complete. And yet, when you think it over, the uplift, now in vogue in Washington and Cleveland isn't such a mystery after all. Washington has a great left hander in Johnson and a great right hander in Harper. There is the jump in two games out of any four. Cleveland has in Morton, Klepper, Coumbe, Mitchell and others a first-class staff. Washington and Cleveland have drawn the best pitching in the league—and the rest of it is a cinch...

No Hurry The two clubs supposed to get away in a hurry, Detroit and Chicago, have had their troubles, trials and tribulations, but this Eastern jaunt will give a good line on their strength...

Perhaps they will swing together out on the road. And perhaps they won't. Which is fair enough as a baseball prediction. But they are not likely to discover any peculiarly soft spots around Washington, Boston and New York...

Giant Dream of Revival However the other clubs may look at it, the Giants are viewing their Western jaunt with feelings akin to supreme joy. They have gotten so sick of the other three Eastern clubs that they can't even bear to look at the standing of the clubs...

On this trip McGraw will show the West plenty of hard hitting, but whether or not he can show it anything like good pitching is another matter. There is a chance that against new contenders the Giants may finally hit their better stride and get going again. They have practically exhausted all the known ways to lose a ball game, and perhaps they will start winning for a spell. But we advise no gentle reader to wager his all upon this possibility. Far from it. If they get the pitching—yes. But getting it something else again...

Phillies, Dodgers and Braves This Western trip will also offer the first full test of the inherent strength shown by the Phillies, Dodgers and Braves. They have been picked all along as the three strongest clubs in the league. Their records have upheld the dope. But how much of this actual strength and how much is due to Giant weakness is yet to be tested...

Braves, Dodgers and Phillies have all picked up four or more victories from the Giants and have thereby been enabled to get away at top speed. There is nothing like having a soft mark to start with, and the Eastern trio have overlooked few bats in this respect...

But there will come a fairer test when they meet the four Western clubs, who will be barricaded at home with machine guns trained on the advancing foe...

The Western Test Moran, Stallings and Robinson all believe they are slated to win. The main dope is that these clubs will finish 1-2-3. If the West is to check their rush, there will be no time like the present. Later on it may be too late. For if the three leading Easterners can more than hold their own in the enemy's country, what chance is there to head them off in June, after they return for a long siege in the vicinity of home cooking. Not enough to rave about...

The West hasn't won a National League pennant since the Cubs triumphed six years ago. Since that time Giants, Braves and Phillies have gathered in all the glory. But all four Western clubs have been bolstered up this season and one of them may come through with a punch strong enough to give the Easterners a harder fight than the outstanding dope now suggests...

In the American League shift the Eastern clubs will have their hands and feet full facing in a row Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland and St. Louis. There was the signal for loud, roving cheers, but that day apparently has passed...

The American League race this season gives promise of outranking the National in general closeness. Leaving aside the Mackmen, one club in the Johnsonian circuit has little on the other and the interest has greatly increased since the three supposed to be the class—Detroit, Boston and Chicago—have had a tough time keeping their heads on their shoulders...

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LA SALLE TEAM RALLIES IN WIN OVER VILLANOVA

Donovan Scores in Tenth Inning—Ryan a Good Twirler

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

La Salle College has a baseball game on the schedule for every day this week and if the breaks are not all against the Collegians they should win the majority of the contests. In the game with Villanova Preparatory yesterday, La Salle made a rally which gave them the verdict, 10 to 9, in a ten-inning battle...

Six runs in the ninth inning enabled the North Broad street students to tie the score at 9 all, and in the 10th the winning run was scored when Donovan came home after Heuler's long fly to centre field had been gathered in. The timely hitting by J. Mahoney and Whelan gave La Salle the victory...

Ryan, the Lansdowne High all-round athlete, pitched a good game against Lower Merion High yesterday afternoon, and in addition made two two-baggers and a single, but he could not win the game single-handed, the Armore team led by Lardie Davis, capturing the contest by a margin of two runs, 6 to 4. It was the first real test of the season for Lower Merion...

Catholic High won another interscholastic League game yesterday afternoon, defeating Germantown High, 10 to 5. Robinson's twirling and the numerous double plays by Catholic High were features of the game. The Purple and Gold are making slow but sure progress in the Princeton Cup series...

There was only one match in which Penn Charter had to work very hard to outwit Frankford High in the tennis competition at Queen Lane yesterday, and it was Walsh's victory. In the other matches, the Purple and Gold were victorious. In the other matches, Phygat, Bright, Pennock, Higgins and others all won points for the Yellow and Blue...

Jack Ott, of the Northeast High School tennis player, showed his best form of the season in the first singles match with Van Allen, the Swarthmore Preparatory School player, at Swarthmore, yesterday. Ott led his team to a 5-to-0 victory by defeating Van Allen in two straight sets, 6-3, 6-3. Messrs. Kinkead, Clark, Cook and Calhoun played for Northeast High...

When Central High defeated South Philadelphia in the interscholastic League yesterday, Clark allowed only one hit in six innings and Leopold and Cravis, who alternated in the box, got out of a number of tight places...

League Soccer Meeting Postponed On account of Bethlehem and Dighton having arranged to play their postponed American League match, the meeting of the American League has been postponed until Thursday night, May 18. George Carpenter, of Bethlehem, Pa., will referee the Bethlehem-Dighton match...

MEREDITH PICKS CORNELL TEAM TO BEAT PENN

"Just Can't See How We Can Win After Comparing Results," Says Ted

HARVARD MEETS YALE

By TED MEREDITH Captain Penn Track Team.

This Saturday will conclude the dual meets for all the Eastern colleges that expect to enter intercollegiate at Boston. The two most interesting meets of the year will be held this Saturday when Harvard meets Yale and Cornell comes to Philadelphia to meet Pennsylvania...

Princeton also will have a meet with Virginia, but this will be an easy task for Princeton and will not bring out good competition. The Harvard-Yale meet always is a good one and is nearly as important to these colleges as the intercollegiate...

This always get as fine as possible for this contest and I think that is the reason some of the Harvard and Yale men have made such disappointing showings when it comes to the intercollegiate. Bingham, for instance, ran in fast time early last year, but fell down miserably in the intercollegiate...

Cornell should win from us in our dual meet. I can't see how we can win after looking over the results of the meet they had with Harvard...

Archie Mucks is keeping up his record smashing crusade in the weights, and added another record to his credit last Saturday when he made a new conference mark in the discus of 145 feet. This beats the former mark, held by Garrels, of Michigan, by five feet...

Mucks should be the greatest, all-around weight man in the country this year. He can put the shot close to 60 feet, throw the discus 145 feet and also is good with the mace 29 seconds...

Shields, of Mercersburg, took all the joy out of Earle Humphreys' victory last Saturday. Humphreys ran a great race and won the mile by winning the same against Dartmouth, but about the same time that afternoon Shields was breaking Humphreys' two-mile interscholastic record of 9:57, making a new mark of 9 minutes 29 seconds...

Mercersburg now holds, or jointly holds, every interscholastic running world record except the mile. Coach Curran told me the last time he was here that he was after the mile and two-mile records, so he will now start to groom Shields for the mile...

To Even New York Bouts

ALBANY, N. Y., May 9.—Action taken by the State Athletic Union in providing for "examination of fighters after 1-2-3" the regular "examination" message according to Commissioner John Graves, at the end is to be put to the one-sided battles which have been during the game in New York city, especially between heavyweights. "It's about time that we should end sending bad numbers into the ring as punching bags for cover boys," the commissioner says...

Divided \$54,705 at Havre de Grace NEW YORK, May 9.—The racing officials of the spring meeting of the Havre de Grace Articular and Turf Club, which is now in progress at Havre de Grace April 15 and closed May 8, have distributed the \$54,705 in prize money, which was divided \$4,705 in distributed in stakes and purses, representing a daily average of \$208.08.

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