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POOR WEATHER CONDITIONS HAVE KEPT DOWN ATTENDANCE AROUND BIG LEAGE CIRCUIT

BASEBALL'S BANNER YEAR HAS BEEN BLOOMER TO DATE; FEW TEAMS EVEN CLEAR EXPENSES

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Cleveland Is Only Major League Club Which Has Drawn Better Than Expected-Phils Are Improving Steadily

DRIOR to the opening of the baseball season it was believed that the national game would have the most prosperous season in its history. Peace had been made between Organized Ball and the Federal League; the game had been taken out of the courts and the National and American Leagues were stronger than ever. With conditions so favorable the magnates expected to make an enormous sum of money this summer, but such has not been the case.

Perhaps the weather has been responsible for the poor crowd and later in he season the fans may flock to the ball parks, but to date there are few major league teams clearing expenses. This is particularly true of the Western teams of the National League and the Eastern teams of the American League.

The Phillies have been drawing well at home, but have failed to attract the fans in other cities as well as was expected, while the Mackmen have not been playing to many people either at home or abroad. Cleveland is the only major league team which has drawn better crowds than was expected, while Cincinnati, St. Louis, Pittsburgh and Chicago, of the National League, are in the hole.

With the first division monopolized by Eastern teams the Western clubs the senior league are playing to empty stands. The gradual improvement of Cincinnati and Chicago is beginning to arouse the fans, and if either team can climb into the first division or get in the running for the pennant interest in the same will increase throughout the West. But judging by the way the Phillies, Dodgers, Braves and Giants are going, it will be some time before either will be up with the leaders.

Phils May Overhaul Dodgers on Road

THE Phillies picked up half a game on the Dodgers last week and are in L excellent shape for the second long road trip of the season, which starts on Wednesday. Unless the champions show a sudden reversal of form, it is likely that they will overhaul the Dodgers before the trip ends. Brooklyn's pitching staff has cracked badly, and while it may brace before the Western trip, it is not likely that Robinson's team will hold its lead.

It is possible that Brooklyn will come back just as strong as the Phillies dide last season after the only serious slump of the year late in August, but the Dodgers are not a strong road team. The Phils play just as well away from bome, and unless Brooklyn has a better road trip than it has had in two or three years, the coming trip may eliminate the Dodgers.

While the Phillies won only three out of five from Brooklyn in the recent series, the champions completely outplayed the Dodgers and showed great improvement in all departments of the game. The most pleasing feature of the work of the Phils during the last week was the excellent batting in five of the seven games played. Ed Pfeffer blanked the champions with two hitz on Thursday and they also were helpless before Tom Hughes on Saturday, but every other pitcher the champions faced was batted hard.

Local fans are rather worried because Manager Moran has been unable to find the fourth winning pitcher, but there is little cause for alarm,"as George Chalmers is rapidly rounding into form and soon will be able to take his regular turn on the mound. With Alexander, Rixey and Demarce pitching splendid ball, only one other consistent winner is needed, as Bender and McQuillan have proved excellent relief pitchers.

Durborow's Gameness Carried Him Across

WHEN Charley Durborow landed at Cape Henry after having made his record swim from Cape Charles, an approximate distance of 22 miles across the Chesapeake Bay, he remarked that he could have continued in the water much longer, although he had been swimming without a stop for eight hours and 42 minutes.

No doubt this Philadelphia amphibian could have gone even further, but it would have been at the risk of severely overtaxing even his wonderful constitution. As it was, Durborow never could have made that hazardous journey from cape to cape had he not been endowed with more than ordinary gameness. It was, according to one of the men who piloted him, due largely to his grit that he was able to perform a feat never before accomplished and one which stands out as one of the world's greatest aquatic performances.

Experts assert that swimming the Virginia capes is a more difficult feat than paddling across the English Channel for the reason that the tides are more treacherous and harder to combat with in the Chesapeake Bay than in the channel.

Durborow's feat ever will remain in the annals of splendid swimming performances and is a brilliant plume in Bill Penn's old cocked hat as well as Durborow's 1916 summer bonnet.

George Church Is a Fixed Star

 $G^{\rm EORGE}$ M. CHURCH, the former Princeton lawn tennls champion, who captured the Delaware State title for the fourth successive time when he defeated J. J. Armstrong, Philadelphia, in a four-set match, appears to be a fixed star. He is not the type of player that hails from the Golden Gate. He is not a McLoughlin who has flashed across the tennis horizon with intense brilliancy and then waned. On the other hand, Church has been slow in developing into



Hoosier, Shorter and Outweighed, Must Upset Old Argument to Win

HAS BEEN DONE BEFORE

Moran-Dillon Referee to Be Chosen Tomorrow

NEW YORK, Jane 26.—Chatrman Fred Weack, of the State Baxing Commission, has announced that tomorrow he will se-lect the referee for the Frank Moran-Jack Dillon fight at Washington Park, Brooklyn, Thursday night. The Commissioner will appoint the offi-cial in accordance with the request made upon him by the managers of the contest-ants, who were unable to agree on a referee.

Jack Dillon, Hoosler, rib-cracker and 'giant-killer." has a big job on his hands or Thursday night, and also a big opportunity to make himself the second best fighter in the world. But to accomplish the job and make good the opportunity Mr. Dillon must knock sky high the ancient argument that a good big man can beat a good little man.

The last time this theory was on trial the bigger man upheld the argument—Jess Willard winning from Frank Moran. This time Moran, the bigger man, meets Dillon. and if the smaller entry succeeds in upsetting the dope, well, Mr. J. Willard must an-swer to him. The Moran-Dillon test takes place at Washington Park, Brooklyn, in an xn ination of 19 periods.

Dillon measures 5 feet 7½ inches in height and will weigh 165 pounds when he enters the ring. He will be five inches shorter than Moran and will have to give away 35 pounds in weight. The Indianap-olis Giant Killer, however, with remarkably long arms for his size, owns a reach that a quarter of an inch greater than Pittsourgh Frank.

There is plenty of ring precedent on both sides of the big man-little man question. Among the most notable victories of smaller Among the most notable victories of smaller fighters over larger opponents are those in which Joe Wolcott and Kid Lavigne were concerned. Wolcott, the original giant killer, knocked out any number of bigger foes, including Joe Choynski, who was 10 ½ inches taller and weighed 23 pounds more. The squat negro stopped Choynski in seven rounds just after the latter had held the grant Lawies 20 and 10 minutes 20 rounds. great Jeffries even through 20 rounds.

Wolcott went along invincibly until he met Kid Lavigne, much smaller than him-self. When the Kid knocked him out there was general consternation in fistic ranks of the day. Lavigne also was much smaller than Dick Burge, the English lightweight champion, when he took the world's title from the Briton.

Scraps About Scrappers

The Associated Advertising Clubs of the World arade tonight has no opposition from boxing outs. Promoter Mugs Taylor decided to give is Broadway patrons a chance to witness the emonstration, and the acheduled Jack Hlark-urn K. O. Sansom melee was postponed until Cednesday night. Taylor is working on an-ther show, which will be held next Monday light, as per his summer schedule.

July Fourth night also may be an off night fo ring followers. Matchmakers Ryan and Ford ex pect to pass up their respective programs fo Tuesday a week, which will be the nation's hold tay. In the afternoon of the Fourth Owne McGuigan will promote three bouts at Foin an will promote three bouts at Poir Park in conjunction with an athleti

Tomorrow night at the Ryan A. C. 18th and 20th Ward fans will see their respective favor-ites. Harry Smith and Charley Rear, clash for featherweight prestize. This match has the principal? followers on edge, and many wagers will be decided on the result.



JAMES M. BARNES GOES FORTH TO DO BATTLE FOR CROWN IN MINIKAHDA GOLF JOUSTING

Lone Local Entrant Playing Game of His Career-May Get Bacon

By SANDY MCNIBLICK

 $O_{\rm professionals}^{\rm NE}$ lone expert from the ranks of the professionals of Philadelphia will play tomorrow for the open championship of the United States Golf Association. At least only one entrant could be dug up in a canvass of the club hereabouts today.

But the single entrant is our humdinger. John Mortimer Barnes, premier pro of Whitemarsh, has been at the scene of the fracas, Minikahdo C. C., Minneapolis, since last Thursday. Philadelphians feel that this will be Barnes' year.

Western open title from a field nearly as classy as the national open, but some two or three pesky little strokes always inter-

by four strokes with a 76.

Hoffner Can't Play

James Thompson, pro at the Philadelphia

town.

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Tomorrow's Tournaments

Open champlonship of the United States of America. Qualifying round. Minikahda Jub, Minneapolis, Minn.

and Today's Tee Talk

FOUR CLUBS ARE SO EVENLY MATCHED IN NATIONAL LEAGUE THAT ALL HAVE EQUAL CHANCE

There 'Hasn't Been Sufficient Gap in Form in Playing of Phillies, Dodgers, Giants and Braves to Call Forth Any Prophecy

By GRANTLAND RICE

T WOULD be a fine thing for baseball strongly against the veterans who need I in general to have an Ohio club, either Cleveland or Cincinnati, break into a world Knocking Out Moran Rnocking Out Moran It has been suggested that Jack Dillos may slip over the haymaker and drop Moran for the count. There always is the chance this will happen, but not sufficiently bulky to call for any same wagering. Jack Johnson couldn't knock out Moran in is rounds. Willard, who can certally suffic Dillon, was unable to knock out the Trin warship. Moran is a pretty hardy bird. He can stand up under a lot of mauling and H is no way probable that a fighter 30 pounds lighter is going to toppie him into the rains where Johnson and Willard failed. Dillon can hit-any man who can series. These two cities have known as many stars as any other two in the game.

But neither ever has won a fing. If they ever should meet in a championship post-season clash the State of Ohio would be mostly debris for several weeks thereafter.

The Scalp Hunters

The Giants early in the year lost 8 out of games at home. Then on the road they you 19 out of 21. Returning home again, 2 games at they dropped 10 out of 13.

Up to the beginning of the present Brook-lyn series, McGraw's team had won 20 out of 26 on the road and only 4 out of 22 at home. Their road record is .776. Their home record is .181. No wonder today they are looking for the author of "Home, Sweet Home" with machine guns and shrapnel.

Nearing July

As the flag situation looms today, Detroit will represent the American League in the world series. The Tigers have the same club that was good enough to win 100 games last year. The Red Sox, minus Speaker, haven't the same club that won 103 games.

As to what club will face Detroit from As to what club will face Detroit from the National League, there has been no great choics to make from Brooklyn, Phil-lies, Boston and New York. We never have seen four clubs as well matched, re-gardless of the present standings. It will be a matter of meeting the test through the blazing sun of July, August and early Sentember. But at this juncture there hasn't been a sufficient gap in form to call forth any prophecy.

Coveleskie Plus

It's where the intercostal chiv, Deft wielded, has the best of it; It's where the greaserinos live (You're Jerry to the rest of it) The Phillies had Harry Coveleskie eight years ago. But they couldn't see him. Neither could the Glants that season. They let him wander back and forth around the It's where they call a jay a hay, A sudker a gazzario; It's where they have "the feet of clay" minors until Detroit finally yanked him back. Coveleskie is there today; working with Grover Cleveland Alexander would make a bum pitching staff, perhaps. And It's where the mescal usurps the place then again, perhaps not. Of selfzer with the peggio; Where bandit Schors hold the ace And Pedro pulls your leggio.

Nerve and Such

You hear more than a triffe about the nerve it takes to come from behind and win. The argument is granted. But some of the greatest nerve displays we ever have seen were shown by front runners who held the lead to the finish with nether but Hone setting the nace.

There are times and often when it takes more nerve to hold a short lead than it takes to rush from the rear.

The Trojan Typhoon

Once in a while they have him slipping, Slipping away from the crest of fame; But the only slipping I've seen him do Is slipping het hit that wins the game.

No Brief Flash

That .300 uprising of Hans Wagner was no brief flash, after all. When the G. O. P.—the Grand Old Player—quit batting .300 ANY SUIT two years ago it was taken for granted that he never would reach the classic mark again. In 1914 and 1915 he slipped well back to the Polite Border, but today he is hitting the ball as lustily as ever, well fixed after n test lasting over two months under weather conditions that have worked



Dillon can hit-any man who carries

Dillon can nit-any man who carties artillery of his calibre may plant it ones at the proper spot by some ucky chance. Bat the odds are far the other way. If ether man is stopped within ten rounds, Dillo, who is the "good little man," is the one who will have to look out for trouble.

We have seen a number of reasons at vanced as to why "Baker, Collins and Me Innis" can't hit. On the other paw, ma might recall the fact that the season but

might recall the fact that the season is over yet by several games. And that Octo ber is still at least a week of two away.

"Where's Mexico and Why?"

(As the late Hughey Keough arranged it) It's where the condor spreads its adik; The hot tamale rears its crest; The bandarillo spears the quake,

The language of the two-bit piece; Where Spanish monte proudly walks, And does not cure for the police.

Skinned down to the scenario

How far is Mexico from here!

You blow El Paso in the night

And crawl into your upper shelf; And at first blush of mornig light

And if you find, a peso, Mike, Twas 'cause the peon wasn't on; Yes, San Francisco's quite a hike;

But Mexico is t'ell and gone,

Instinctively you search yourself

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Quite recently we measured it; Ve got a folder once from there And jealously we've treasured it.

And Senoritas do the rest.

It's where the sina peso talks

Try out the "heft" of a solf ball in the solin of the hand before buying. The weight of golf balls differs greatly, and the player should choose according to the one that feels "right."

the one that feels "right." Heavy balls are better for putting, as they hold any uneven surfaces of the green better and will roll true to the pin. They are also a better brand to use against a head wind, since a heavy ball will naturally get better carry than a light one. A lighter ball, well teed up, is the pill to use when the winds are raging at one's back. They will carry a light ball a surprising dis-tance.

The weight of a ball is generally stamped Shifting from one weight to another often makes trouble, so that once a player has decided on his weight, it is best to stick to it through all the perils of land and water.

He is about due to win the American doors-open classic. The lanky Chestnut Hill links tutor has always finished well inside the money in most of the events he has entered. The year before last he won the

The dope was entirely spilled in the an-

over the fence mournfully from across the road and let out a doleful moo-o-o when the

one of American's leading players, but he seems now to have reached a point close to the pinnacle.

Church's study of the game, his constant plugging to improve his game and his fixed intention always to be in the best physical condition stamp him as a player of the Bill Larned type, who will endure at the top for years.

Many tennis players, particularly in this country, drink too much and smoke too much while they are supposed to be in training. That is one of the reasons why virtually all the top-notchers in the United States are young, while in Great Britain and Australia we find the best players are men from thirty-five to forty years of age and some of the best even are older. Such men as Norman E. Brooks, the Lowes, Dunlop, Doust and a score of others continue to be great players in spite of the march of time because they are temperate.

Church is patterning his game, whether consciously or not, after these men. He is becoming a great player because he is perfecting himself in the fundamentals of physical fitness as well as tennis technique.

The death knell of the English rowing system has been sounded. With the sweeping victories of Harvard over Yale last Friday on the Thames and with the poor showing of Penn during the season just closed, the inferiority of the English system to the ones used by Courtney, Ten Eyck and Herrick has been only too pronounced. Coach Wright had many obstacles to overcome at Penn and is deserving of another chance, but Guy Nickalls, the Eli coach, failed to win a single varsity race this season. He has accomplished nothing startling since taking charge of rowing at New Haven and a change in the present coaching system at Yale next year would cause no excitement.

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The wonderful endurance of Jack Kelly enabled Vesper to retain the Caldwell Trophy and the championship of the Schuylkill Navy. Vesper won six of the neven races and totaled 31 points, while Undine was second with 24. The wonderful Kelly stroked four of the six winning crews, his brilliant individual exploits being responsible for the victory. Kelly rowed five and one-quarter miles in competition and as many more to and from the starting line, but finished the day the freshest man on the river.

Mack's latest college recruits have made a great impression on Boston fans and scribes, who now agree that the Mackmen are going to be pennant contenders in another year. The great improvement in Sheehan and Nabors since the last appearance of the Athletics in Boston amazed the Red Sox. . . .

The assistance given junior golf players by members of the various clubs is having its effect felt in a most pleasing way. In his first eighteen holes in the final round played at Old York Road, Meredith M. Jack, winner of the junior title, made the course in 83. This fine record goes to show that young Philadelphia not only is flocking to the links, but is making decided strides in learning to play the game well.

For some time it has been the policy of local manufacturing concerns to form athletic associations for the benefit of their employes. This idea is becoming more and more popular each year, and now we find other business establishments taking up sports with vigor. Saturday the Postal Telegraph Company conducted a successful track and field meet at Woodside Park. The participants made good marks in all the events and declare they intend to keep up all branches of athletics under the supervision of their employers. . .

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The athletes of Central High School, Newark, performed splendidly Saturday in winning the national interscholastic track and field charapionship. The fudividual star of the meet was Thomas Murphy, Hebron Academy, Maine, who went to the meet unheralded and scored fifteen points.

QUARTER SEATS

SHILLING SEATS

Barney Ford has a feature match also of mortance for his Model Club, when Johnny leady endeavors to prove that he is a superior lowoman to his teacher, Pal Moore. Since these oss separated from the same stable South inhadelohia fams have been anxious to see them venes between him and the Big Bacon.

After being on the side-lines for about a cosk with a had car. Al Nelson expects to re-ume training in a few dars, and his first oppo-ent probably will be Charley Rear. Nelson was pred to call off a date with Rear because he as suffering from an abscess in his right ear. Hercules has played on an average of 72 and 74 for all his rounds there in the period just before he left for the Far Kest. At Top of Game

Moose Taussis writes from Los Angeles that Willie Meehan, the Fat Boy, is keeping in his issual shape at Jack Doble's training camp Bill again will invade the East this fail. Taus-sig expects to bring several other boxers from the const.

the coast While a number of bir ring bouts will be held July 4, no championship contests will be decided. It is a pity that more matches with titles at stake have not been fought in the last few years, especially on holidays, which ap-narently were "championship days" until the sent titleholders gained their laurels.

Lew Tendler looks like a Beau Brummel these dars. The newsloy stranger has slowed away the mittyme for the summer, and when the 1916-17 scanon gets under way he probably will be boxing in the division governed by one Jawn P. Kilbane. -----

Although Joe Ferguson had been 'retired' from the ring for more than three years, he showed in a recent tilt with Steve Laito that one fire ine weal. For iterades, the Italian infected the punch-a knockout-that caused Fergy's retirement, and now he wanta to get a crark at Patricius to redeem himself.

The novelty of five downlown boxers meeting where humber of scrappers from uptown av he the feature of a program at the Byan ub shortly. Adam Byan is working on such card for some time in July.

Young Fox and Kid Herman have beer matched to ho* six rounds at the Gayety Theatre on Wednesday night,

Country Club, expected to make the trip, but decided not to. The Bala teacher would have had a good chance to finish in the golden circle of the leaders. note have a several se Leo Houck, of Lancaster, and Eddle Revoire, his city, will meet at York, Pa., in a ten-round out as soon as matters can be arranged.

Kings Mills Leads for Rifle Title Kings Mills Leads for Kille Title WaSHINGTON, June 26. Assrrgate scores for the first three weeks of the small her rifle the state three weeks of the small her rifle the state of the state of the small her rifle the state of the state of the small her rifle the state of the state of the small her rifle the state of the state of the state of the state 2704. High scores for the third week were Kings Mills, Mills, O'S, Auburn, Si3; New Win of the Gub, 927; Gisholt Club, Madison, Win, 021; Fremont, O. 925; Massachusetts Fiffe Association, Heston, 916; Rifle and Re-volver Club, of New York city, 915, and Brook brack the Club, 912.

Fourth of July Entries Close Today

The satirles for the city Fouth of July moorts whiclose today with Hon. Eurone C. Bonntwell, 600 City Hait. City Councils have again made provisions for these sames, which will be held at Helmont. Furmount Park, as a part of the Fourth of July celebration. All suarcur ath-letes as individuals or as representatives of colleges, clubs or schools, are invited to enter the open events, all of which are scratch.

Special Cycle Races at Drome

TWO-BIT SEATS

by the Golf Association of Philadelphia, was of a lively brand. Jack has won the event each of the three years it has been played. His best round was a 79, and this is startling golf for a youth in the shadows of 20. To see slender boys in their tender teens knocking out shots for a total around 85 over the lengthy and wicked White-march course is something to open the eyes of the old folk, who wouldn't know how to feel with a card of 98 or thereabutts. A gallery of five was all that watched the last gasp of the match Saturday. Two of these joined the group at the final green. Os, yes. A special list of cycle events on account of the Advertising Men's Convention has been ranged to be held at the Point Breens Mutue-roune Thursday night. The main event on the other paced race between Charence Carmen, of en York Menus Hedell of Long Feland, Vic-or Linari, of Belsium, and George Wiley, or yracuse, St. Yves, Venkerberry, Vedits and rmstrong will be the contestants in sis motor west.

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Os, yes. On the 12th hole an old red cow looked

nual invitation tourney of the Wilmington Country Club. D. C. Corkran was supposed to meet Ned Sawyer in the finals, but a Barnes during the past week played the former University of Pennsylvania crack stepped in to spill the dope on one end, while a chum of Sawyer's was upsetting game of his career at Whitemarsh in practice. Reports from his admirers at the club are to the effect the hills-and-hazards things on the other side of the brackets.

Frank W: Dyer, Pennsylvania State champion, and a member of the Frankford Country Club, beat Corkran easily and then finished off the day's work by winning the finals.

A week ago yesterday he played at Huntingdon Valley Country Club with Dave Cuthbert, but had trouble in hugging 80. Dave beat the former Western champ home This was a great surprise, inasmuch a the State titleholder didn't make much of a showing at the Lynnewood Hall event. He couldn't even qualify. His game came right back, though, in the other State and ate out of his hand. But Barnes spent a few moments after

But Barnes spent a rew moments after that with his chin in his hand and decided what was the matter. The next day he was out with the dawn on his own course, picking deadly shots out of the suniit fairway and watching the ball skip in a dewy shower pinwards. Barnes is anaphe of the phenomenal streaks of which Sandy McNiblick—I want to take up golf as a regular. I have no clubs as yet and would like to ask your advice as to the best clubs to buy. Would you advise me to get one of these so-called golf club sets or to pick out my own clubs? S. P. J. Wern Bock Pa

Some time ago we advised the beginner to Some time ago we advised the beginner to start with only three clubs—a brass-soled driver, a mashie and a putter. When he has mastered these clubs he may add others, one at a time, to his kit. A cleek, midiron and nibile should be added first of all. With the addition of a brassie, these seven clubs are generally considered a set. There is no use a beginner starting with too many clubs. fair will be won by a professional this year, since few of the leaders among the unpaid will be in the going. Localist Barnes is out to win this year, and fans here are wandering if the city will not be favored with a title in the home in a beginner starting with too many clubs, as he will find he has a hard time learning to use all of them. S. McN.

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Demetrius Tafalos, Greek

The Masked Marvel, 285 lbs. Pierrard D'Collosse, French Glant Wrestler, 800 lbs. World's Heavier The golf that Meredith M. Jack, winner of the first junior championship cup offered by the Golf Association of Philadelphia, was tler, 892

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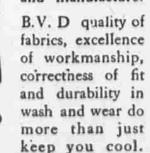
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capable of the phenomenal streaks of which Gil Nicholls is often "guilty." The latter has a good chance this year. It is generally conceded that the little ar-Fern Rock, Pa.