

POOR WEATHER CONDITIONS HAVE KEPT DOWN ATTENDANCE AROUND BIG LEAGUE CIRCUIT

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

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

PRIOR to the opening of the baseball season it was believed that the national game would have the most prosperous season in its history.

Perhaps the weather has been responsible for the poor crowd and later in the season the fans may flock to the ball parks, but to date there are few major league teams clearing expenses.

The Phillies have been drawing well at home, but have failed to attract the fans in other cities as well as expected, while the Mackmen have not been playing to many people either at home or abroad.

With the first division monopolized by Eastern teams the Western clubs of the senior league are playing to empty stands.

Phils May Overhaul Dodgers on Road

THE Phillies picked up half a game on the Dodgers last week and are in excellent shape for the second long road trip of the season, which starts on Wednesday.

It is possible that Brooklyn will come back just as strong as the Phillies did last season after the only serious slump of the year late in August, but the Dodgers are not a strong road team.

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.

Local fans are rather worried because Manager Moran has been unable to find the fourth winning pitcher, but there is little cause for alarm.

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.

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.

George Church Is a Fixed Star

GEORGE M. CHURCH, the former Princeton lawn tennis 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.

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.

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 one used by Courtney, Ten Eyck and Herrick has been only too pronounced.

The wonderful endurance of Jack Kelly enabled Vesper to retain the Caldwell Trophy and the championship of the Schuylkill Navy.

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 assistance given junior golf players by members of the various clubs is having its effect in a most pleasing way.

For some time it has been the policy of local manufacturing concerns to form athletic associations for the benefit of their employees.

The athletes of Central High School, Newark, performed splendidly Saturday in winning the national intercollegiate track and field championship.

DILLON TACKLES BIG MAN TEST IN MIX WITH MORAN

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

HAS BEEN DONE BEFORE

Moran-Dillon Referee to Be Chosen Tomorrow

NEW YORK, June 25.—Chapman Fred W. Wack, State Boxing Commission, has announced that tomorrow he will select the referee for the Moran-Dillon fight at Washington Park, Brooklyn, Thursday night.

Jack Dillon, Hoosier, rib-cracker and "giant-killer," has a big job on his hands for Thursday night, and also a big opportunity to make himself the second best fighter in the world.

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, Mr. Willard must answer to him.

Dillon measures 5 feet 7 1/2 inches in height and will weigh 155 pounds when he enters the ring. He will be five inches shorter than Moran and will have to give away 35 pounds in weight.

There is plenty of ring precedent on both sides of the big-man-little-man question. Among the most notable victories of smaller fighters over larger opponents are those in which Joe Walcott and Knick Lavigne were concerned.

Wolcott, the original giant killer, knocked out any number of bigger foes, including Joe Choynski, who was 10 1/2 inches taller and weighed 170 pounds more. The squat negro stopped Choynski in seven rounds just after the latter had held the great Jeffries even through 20 rounds.

Scraps About Scrappers

The Associated Advertising Clubs of the World tonight had no objection to boxing being promoted as a sport.

July Fourth night also may be an off night for ring followers.

Tomorrow night at the Ryan A. C. 15th and 20th streets will see their respective favorites, Harry Smith and Charley Rear, clash for the title of champion of the world.

Barney Ford has a feature match also of importance for his Model Club.

After being on the side-lines for about a week with a bad ear, Al Nelson expects to resume training in a few days.

While a number of big ring bouts will be held during the summer months, it is a pity that more matches with the same stakes will not be held.

Low Tender looks like a Beau Brummel these days. The new scrapper has stowed away the summer fat.

Although Joe Ferguson had been "retired" from the ring for more than three years, he is expected to return to the ring.

The novelty of five downtown boxes meeting the same number of spectators from uptown may be the feature of a program at the Gayety Theatre on Wednesday night.

Leo Houck, of Lancaster, and Eddie Revere, of this city, will meet at York Pa. in a ten-round bout as soon as matters can be arranged.

Kings Mills Leads for Rifle Title

WASHINGTON, June 25.—Aggregate score for the first three weeks of the small-bore rifle championship, as announced by the National Rifle Association, shows Kings Mills, O., leading with 1,212 points.

Fourth of July Entries Close Today

The entries for the City Fourth of July sports will close today at the City Club.

Special Cycle Races at Drane

A special list of cycle events on account of the Advertising Men's Convention has been arranged to be held at the Drane Hotel.

WHEN A FELLER NEEDS A FRIEND



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

Tomorrow's Tournaments and Today's Tee Talk

Open championship of the United States of America. Qualifying round, Minikahda Club, Minneapolis, Minn.

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Heavy balls are better for putting, as they tend to prevent surfaces of the green better and will roll true to the pin.

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The weight of a ball is generally stamped on it.

It is generally conceded that the little affair will be won by a professional this year.

Localist Barnes is out to win this year, and fans here are wondering if the city will not be favored with a title in the home town.

James Thompson, pro at the Philadelphia Country Club, expected to make the trip, but decided not to.

Hoffner has been playing a sparkling brand of golf lately, but at a look at his engagement pad kept him at home.

The golfer that Meredith M. Jack, winner of the first junior championship cup offered 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 record was a 79, and this is starting 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.

Such a course is something to open the eyes of the old folk, who wouldn't know how to feel with a card of 98 or thereabouts.

On the 12th hole an old red cow looked

over the fence mournfully from across the road and let out a doleful moo-o-o when the putters' putts wouldn't put.

This was a great surprise, inasmuch as the State titleholder didn't make much of a showing at the Lynnewood Hall event.

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.

Some time ago we advised the beginner to start with only three clubs—a brass-soled driver, a masher and a putter.

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Harry Smith vs. Charley Rear TUESDAY EVENING, JUNE 27, 1916

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

IT WOULD be a fine thing for baseball in general to have an Ohio club, either Cleveland or Cincinnati, break into a world series.

The Scalp Hunters The Giants early in the year lost 8 out of 9 games at home.

Up to the beginning of the present Brooklyn series, McGraw's team had won 20 out of 26 on the road and only 4 out of 22 at home.

Nearing July As the flag situation looms today, Detroit will represent the American League in the world series.

As to what club will face Detroit from the National League, there has been no great choice to make from Brooklyn, Phillies, Boston and New York.

Coveleskie Plus The Phillies had Harry Coveleskie eight years ago. But they couldn't see him.

Nerve and Such You hear more than a trifle about the nerve it takes to come from behind and win. The argument is granted.

The Trojan Typhoon Once in a while they have him slipping, slipping away from the crest of fame.

No Brief Flash That 300 upraising of Hans Wagner was no brief flash, after all.

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