

ATHLETICS MAY TAKE LATE-IN-JULY BRACE, AS PREDICTED, DESPITE BUNGLED-UP INFIELD

MACKMEN LOOKED LIKE TEAM OF OLD IN SECOND GAME OF DOUBLE BILL WITH BROWNS

Whitey Witt Improves Athletics 50 Per Cent., but Injured Finger Causes Him to Toss Away Close Battle—No Quitters in Line-up

THE Athletics lost two games yesterday, but the performance should go down as a boost rather than a knock. It is the customary thing for the A's to drop ball games, but it is unusual when they play the high-class ball they put up in the second act of the bargain-day matinee with St. Louis.

The first part of the show is gone and forgotten. The Macks played a loose game and imitated a gang of minor leaguers; but when they came back the second time their work reminded one of the Athletics of old. Brilliant plays were pulled off, the attack was sure and deadly and the men tried their hardest at every stage of the game.

Witt Has Hard Luck and Loses Game

WITH Larry at second, Witt at short and a good pitcher of the calibre of Bush, Meyer, Sheehan or Nabors, the Mackmen are good. Yesterday they looked like anything but a tall-end organization, and it was only through the hardest kind of luck that they were defeated in the second game. Whitey Witt improved the club 50 per cent., yet he virtually lost the game in the ninth inning, when he made a wild throw to first. Inn justice to the youngster, however, let it be remembered that his ball slipped from his injured finger just as he was about to throw and a wild have resulted.

Connie Mack has been criticized freely for the poor showing of his team in the last three weeks. This is a big mistake, for instead of criticism Connie should receive words of praise. In the first place, he has a young team, which is bad enough; and in the second place, it is shot to pieces, which is worse. Just take a look at the line-up. Stuffy McInnis is on the injured list and Strunk is playing first base; Oldring is gone and Wally Schang, one of the best catchers in the major leagues, is filling the vacant spot in left field. Strunk's substitute is Metterling, the former Urslinus star, and although he is playing a good game, he cannot yet fill Amos' shoes. Witt has an injured finger, Larry Lajoie is in bad shape and Charley Pick has been on the side lines with an injured thumb. Isn't that enough to demoralize any team in the world?

Team Shows Great Fighting Spirit

BUT the best part of it all is the fighting spirit shown by the patched-up club. They play just as hard when they are several runs behind as they do when they are leading. There is not a quitter on the club, and the Athletics deserve credit for their work.

Connie Mack is a wise manager. He has developed more championship teams than any other manager in the business, and he is on the road to build up another. It will take time; but judging from the showing made by the team in the second game yesterday, there is hope, and it would not be at all surprising if the A's started in right now to take that late-in-July spurt that was predicted last winter before the club took its spring training.

Fight Result Depends on Physical Condition

PICKING the winner of tonight's Levisky-Dillon match in Baltimore is like taking a chance on the probable result of the battle now raging in Europe. Ring followers seem to be divided in their opinions as to the winner and it certainly is a hard matter to dope out who has the edge.

Using the previous Dillon-Levisky bouts as a criterion it would seem that the one who is in the better shape will win. Dillon is the fighter; Levisky the boxer—and if the contest happens to end in a knockout there is no doubt that Jack will be the one to connect with the K. O. The Battler's chances of winning depend on his cleverness.

Levisky has gone along since entering the heavyweight class as the busiest of the big fellows. When he first went under Dan Morgan's management the Stratford deputy made a record for the number of bouts engaged in, sometimes boxing four and five times a week. Seldom did he leave the ring with a mark on his body as mute testimony of a fight.

But twice in his entire career has Levisky suffered any injury and both times Dillon was the one who inflicted the punishment. First Jack broke Barney's nose and later he gave the Battler a "tin" ear, a souvenir possessed by most boxers.

Daring Feats Performed at Point Breeze

PERSONS who never have been to the Point Breeze motordrome and witnessed the feats of daring which are pulled off twice a week do not realize that cycling and motoring is one of the most thrilling of all sports. The thousands of cycle fans who do take an interest in this sport are unanimous in the opinion that there is no sport in America which holds the interest of the crowd as do these dare-devils who buzz around the inclined track at a sickening clip.

Motordrome races have the same effect on a large part of the crowd that bull fights do—that is, there always is a feeling in the mind of the spectator that something is going to happen. Often things do happen. Many men have been killed and many injured in smash-ups. One of the worst sports tragedies in recent years happened in Cleveland in 1914, when a motor rider plunged through the rail and killed a number of spectators.

While such incidents are not really desired by any one, hundreds of people want to be present if anything of that nature does occur, and that is one of the reasons for the intense thrill produced.

No one can fail to be interested in the races when they are able to see such men as Leon Didier, George Wiley and Clarence Carman spinning around the drome paced by motordromes.

Clubs Among Players at Cobb's Creek

IN FORMING a golf club from among the players who use the public golf course at Cobb's Creek, local golfers are following in the footsteps of the public course golfers of Chicago, New York and other cities. In Chicago, both at the Jackson Park course and at the smaller nine-hole course at Garfield Park, golf clubs have been formed, with only a nominal initiation fee and yearly dues. Both organizations are members of the Chicago District Golf Association, and their members are eligible to play in all association events and are invited to play in many invitation tournaments in the Chicago district.

The public course golfers also foster three events in the Windy City. The Chicago city championship annually is held under the auspices of the Jackson Park Golf Association on the Jackson Park course, and the Garfield Golf Club annually stages the Cook County open and amateur championships. It will take several years, of course, for the proposed Philadelphia Golf Club to take a place in local golf affairs on a par with the two clubs in Chicago, but should the Golf Association of Philadelphia admit the new club to membership it is only a question of time before the newcomers will be welcome to compete in association events.

When this time comes it also will mark the arrival of a new era in Philadelphia golf. New and better players will be developed as time goes on, and it is not too much to predict that even a champion may be found among the public course golfers.

Walter Christie Boosts Arlie Mucks

WALTER CHRISTIE, the track coach of the University of California, is out with a boost for Arlie Mucks, the Wisconsin weight thrower, and with a knock for the Intercollegiate Association and the Western Conference management. Never again, says Christie, while he is coach of teams at California, will any of the Berkeley athletes compete in the I. C. A. A. A. or the Conference championships. He doesn't think the California athletes were given proper consideration in either championship meeting.

Liveridge, the shot-putter of California, won the shot-put in the Conference meet and later was disqualified and first place awarded to Mucks, who was second. Mucks in turn sent the prize to Liveridge, saying that the Californian won the prize fairly and that he (Mucks) didn't care to accept the trophy on a technicality. Christie says: "This is a good object lesson of clean athletics and should help the game a lot. We need more athletes like Mucks."

Princeton Will Try For I. C. A. A. A. Games

FOR years the intercollegiate track and field championships have alternated between Pennsylvania and Harvard, and in fact the naming of the place for the annual games was nothing more or less than a formality. Johns Hopkins has an excellent track and Syracuse has one of the best athletic fields in the East, but these two colleges stopped bidding for the games when they discovered they didn't have a chance of getting them. But it may be different next year.

Princeton and Cornell both have new athletic fields, and the Princeton track management is of the opinion that it would be a good thing to conduct the I. C. A. A. A. meet there. Before Princeton makes a bid for the championships the Tiger management will sound out the other colleges, and if the Tigers apply for the games, one reasonably can be sure that enough support has been assured them to win.

Some fans think it is strange that Connie Mack refuses to divulge the names of many of his recruits. The answer is easy. He doesn't know them himself.

SKIMBLE SKAMBLE STUFF



Scraps About Scrappers

By LOUIS H. JAFFE

For the second time since the Sammy Harris-Kid Williams battle the battlers have been billed by their former managers' instructions that he was through. First the Baltimore star, Billy Havens, a terrific fighter and last night he forced Alf Mansfield to quit in five rounds and neither of the defeated were considered slouches.

Fred Welsh still is digging 'em up out of the "graveyard." The lightweight champion next will be seen in action, not violent action, on July 27, in Brooklyn, when he picks on the long retired Harry Cummings in a 10-round tilt. At that Welsh cannot be blamed if the promoters let him off with only this case Welsh's manager, Harry Pollok, is the matchmaker.

The time finally has come for the demon Jack Dillon to get worthy prize for his services. The Hoosier has gone along boxing for whatever money he can get, but he says he will be in action, not violent action, on July 27, in Brooklyn, when he picks on the long retired Harry Cummings in a 10-round tilt. At that Welsh cannot be blamed if the promoters let him off with only this case Welsh's manager, Harry Pollok, is the matchmaker.

Frankie White has discovered that hopping around behind his billiard table has made him more active than ever on his feet, he says. The Italian will be a cyclone by proxy, he believes, and Young Jack Dillon is promised a merry melee. They clash in the star scrap at the Ryan Club next Tuesday night. Abe Kabanoff, who scored a terrific knockout the other night and who gave White two sensational battles last week, is on the program.

Gray's Perry is represented on both ends of the ring-up at the Broadway Monday night. Eddie Hinckley, the latest knockout sensation, will defend his title against the Irish boy, the chin of Buck Fleming, a neighbor in the star bout. Al Wagner, who is on the program, is in the semi with Willie Bennett.

Darby Caggar is out to avenge the defeat suffered by his Smokey Hollow rival, Mickey Gallagher, at the southern slams. Tommy Jamison, Casper and Jamison meet in the final at the Model next Tuesday night.

White Young Higgins still is a youngster, he is a general in the ring, and he is a regular. He is in the main line at the Cambria A. C. Monday night. Johnny Kelly, who is on the program, is in the semi with Willie Bennett.

Sully Maxwell, who also was known as Willie Adams in boxing circles, has branched out as a promoter. He is staging weekly bouts at Lehigh.

George Chip has decided to take a chance against the world champion, and he is crossing the Pacific to Australia. The New Castle middleweight has agreed to three fights, including Lee D'Arcy, in the Antipodes and he is scheduled to leave from Philadelphia July 28.

Another local boxer who expects to participate in several matches is regular star starts is Knockout Joe O'Donnell. Barney Ford is fighting on starting July 27, and if he can make satisfactory arrangements Al Nelson will be chosen as his foe.

Peter Maher knocked out—and he's 47. The Irishman admitted it himself. He was in the ring when he was seen around with a broken nose and a swollen face. He was defeated in an argument while walking with a friend. Maher refused to tell who his friend was.

While many collectors are trying to break into professional baseball circles, now the boxing game is getting the call. Dan O. Kirkpatrick, heavyweight boxing champion at Harvard, has not a punch that he can knock down Willie Bennett. He is in the line in Philadelphia, and he is in the line in Philadelphia.

Terrific Terry Ketchel is a proud little fellow these days for two reasons, viz.: 1. Because of his great show in the Philadelphia fight, and 2. Because he has a new wife. The bachelorette boxing champion is given him by South Philadelphia constituents.

Jimmy Dougherty believes Leisepierre will be represented by a boxer shortly who will make champions and near champions hop around the ring as if they were treading on pins. Jerome K. Ketchel, who is under the tutelage of Sam Ryan, but he is yet to be christened with a boxing name. The Leisepierre lad weighs about 125 pounds.

Nanti boxes in this city always have held sway both in quantity and quality. A 12th year youngster, who has taken Frankie Fenwick as his ring handle looks as if he will break the city's boxing record. He is an aggressive lad and punches about with both hands. Boxing with Conway is a side issue, as clerical work is his real profession.

WILLIAMS MAKES MANSFIELD QUIT IN THE FIFTH ROUND

BALTIMORE, July 13.—England's great offensive, engineered by Alf Mansfield, was stopped short in the fifth round last night by Baltimore Champion Kid Williams. The Briton hauled down his colors after 10 seconds had been clocked off. He was not out, but in all probability he would have been in another minute, for Williams was landing on the body as he pleased and Mansfield was unable to protect himself.

When Mansfield managed to weather the terrible storm of the fourth session he knew he was through. He wanted to quit, and told the referee so, but his manager insisted upon him taking another chance. Alf followed instructions.

In the semi-final-up, Mike Ulane drew with Knockout Baker, of Uramore. Steve Conlon, of Altoona, beat Young Sharkey, of Reading, in six rounds. Kid Texas, of California, had the edge on Frankie O'Neill, of Philadelphia, in their six-round affair.

Belmont Scores Amateur K. O.

In the 165-pound class preliminary at the Gayety Theatre last night Young Joe Belmont scored a knockout over the second round, stopped Johnny Colony in the second round, and in the final round, he won the title by a knockout over the champion, Billy Havens.

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TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP THIS YEAR WILL WITNESS GREATER NUMBER WITH CHANCE TO WIN

There Seems to Be Better Balance Among Field, With Johnston, McLoughlin, Williams, Davis, Murray, Dawson and Griffin as Headliners

By GRANTLAND RICE

(With any necessary apologies to Colonel Wallace Irwin.)

Look here, Diogenes, like if you will Off to the mountain or off to the sea; Uphold on islands or valleys or hills, Any old spot you may hanker to be— Beat it to Newport, White Sulphur, Coney, Shawnee or Seaview or Horn Springs or Tule.

Summer resorts that are ripping or phony, Eastward or northward or here in the State— Pack up your grip for a ralloking trip— Off with a dash and a smash and a rip— Put on your duds for a whirl with the "bloodes."

Riding or swimming or soaking the suds— But— if you don't mind— When you pull out, old Dub, Keadly leave me behind With a lease on your tub.

Keadly leave me behind in the shade of a tree, And then you can beat it to mountain or sea; For the thought has arrived, with considerable zest, To combine a vacation with leisure and rest—

Where a fellow can eat a bit, Stay off his feet a bit, Sleep all he wants to and dress as he will; So hark, then, Diogenes, Hear then my plaintive wheeze, Leave me your inn, please— And send in the bill.

THE other fellow's job is always the clinch. We had a hunch once that about the softest and easiest assignment in the world would be to play baseball. So we joined a wandering band of semi-pros who were booked for a game a day through six weeks in June and July. The thermometer ranged from 102 to 107.

At the end of three weeks the slight of a baseball, bat or glove had become repugnant to the eye and an abomination in the land. Baseball every day when you had become worn to a frazzle from the heat was no longer a sport. The only thing that saved existence was the rough and rare humor of old Pat Flaherty, once famed as a star pitcher for Pittsburgh.

Old Pat cracked the dull monotony of the occasion. It was his custom from town to town to taunt and harass the home club and the irate visitors until a near-riot was incited. There was some sport left in getting out of each town unscathed or unbeaten, but sliding from base to base under a blazing July sun was no longer a frolic after the second week out.

Up in the stands you figure the ball-player has a cinch. But go out and try it day after day, with the howls of the multitude ringing in your ears every time you boot one or fail to make a hit.

Average Values

Batting averages are queer institutions. Benny Kauff batted .344 in the Fed circuit last year, and Lee Magee hit .330. Kauff now is down around .270, with Magee around .240. Yet Hal Chase, who only batted .280 with the Feds, is up over .300 in the National. And there you are.

The West and Lawn Tennis

Norris Williams stopped the Western lawn tennis players in 1914 by upsetting Magrice McLoughlin. William Johnston returned the main sprig of laurel to California last year, and now the odds are still with the West. In addition to Johnston and McLoughlin the Western type will be represented by such fast young stars as Davis, Lindley Murray, Dawson and Griffin.

The East, in addition to Williams, has young stars coming forward at a tidy clip, but none, barring Williams, who look strong enough to hold the West at bay.

For all that, this 1916 championship should be one of the best ever held in the land, for there seems to be a better balance among the field—a greater number with chance to win.

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AMATEUR BASEBALL

The Norris Field Club has tomorrow open. Any semi-pro team wishing this attraction should write Frank Schaefer, 304 West Norris street, or phone Kensington 2582.

The Burns Baseball Club has organized and would like to arrange games with all home clubs for July. For games write Harry E. Hyde, 714 Cherry street.

The Millville, N. J., team is without a game for tomorrow. Any semi-pro team wishing to make the trip to Millville will receive a fair guarantee from the Millville Club. Write Virgil Johnson, Millville, N. J.

The West Walnut Field Club, a first-class traveling team, wants to book games with fast home clubs. For games write Frank Schaefer, 304 West Norris street, or phone Kensington 2582.

The Bacharach Glens, a semi-professional team consisting of Southern colored players, would like to book first-class colored teams for games in Atlantic City. All games played in enclosed park and reasonable guarantees paid. Weekdays only. No Sunday. Last, and communicate with D. E. Weaver, Daily Press, Atlantic City, N. J.

Globe A. C. wants games for tomorrow and July 22. For games write James Williams, 111 Fairmount avenue.

PLYMOUTH TEAMS MEET

Tilden, Hawk and Other Stars Enter Norristown Tournament

Sixty entries already received assure the success of the annual tennis tournament of the Plymouth Country Club at Norristown, which begins Saturday. This club has drawn the largest entry lists in the Philadelphia district for the past two years, setting a mark of 72 in 1915, and it is confidently expected that a new record will be made this year.

Dr. Philip H. Hawk will compete, and as such have a leg on the Plymouth Cup, a very keen match against the local champion, Wallace F. Johnson and J. J. Armstrong, all of whom competed last year, will play in the Philadelphia district. A new name will be in the line, and it should be sent to Elgin Lehardt, Norristown, Pa., or phoned to the club.

Robinson Lands Collingswood Title

COLLINGSWOOD, N. J., July 13.—The Collingswood Tennis Club has just completed its annual tournament, in which many local players endeavored to win out. Alan Robinson, a local player, won the title, the best of all opponents and won the individual championship in men's singles. Mrs. Ayres and A. MacFarland won the title in mixed doubles, and Hayden and Robinson won the men's doubles.

Anneman Wins Johnson Trap Cup

GIL CITY, Pa., July 13.—William Anneman, a local player, won the Johnson Trap Cup in the trap-shooting contest, held here in connection with the eighth annual convention of the United States of Pennsylvania. The average was 31 targets. Other prizes were won by Henry German, Wilkes-Barre; B. W. H. McDowell, Scranton; Joseph Kennedy, Dubois, and Charles T. McClelland.

Benefit Game for Wolfson

Overbrook, former leaders of the Main Line League, and Girard F. C. tomorrow will play in a benefit game for Marty Wolfson, who at present is ill. Wolfson several years ago retired from the game, but he is now back. Marty Jennings has donated the baseballs that will be used in the contest. The game will be played at 60th and Oxford streets.

Heart Disease Kills Ball Player

ALTOONA, Pa., July 13.—George Smith, 24 years old, son of George "German" Smith, formerly a National League ball player, and himself a semi-professional player, dropped dead yesterday of heart disease.

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HERZOG, SOUGHT BY THE GIANTS, PREFERS DODGERS

Reds' Manager Sees Chance for World's Series Spoils With Brooklyn

McGraw MAY LAND SALLEE

CINCINNATI, July 13.—Charley Herzog, manager of the Reds, probably will be sold or traded to the Brooklyn Dodgers within the next 48 hours, according to a friend of the insider, who today declared that Charley had tipped him off to this effect.

"Garry Herrmann, owner of the Cincinnati club, informed Herzog a week ago that Charley had the privilege of going with any club he desired," said Herzog's friend. "He figures the Dodgers surely will win the pennant, especially if he lands with the team, and naturally he prefers being with the team that will grab some world's series money."

Manager McGraw, of the Giants, is very anxious to land Herzog, and they have met frequently during the last two days. It is said McGraw is willing to offer Herzog a contract which will insure him as much money if the Giants don't win the pennant as he would get with the Dodgers if that team gets into the world's series.

Harry "Slim" Sallee, who deserted the Cardinals about a week ago, may return to organized ball as a member of the New York Giants. The Giants, who are playing here now, seemed to be of the impression that the former star right-hander on the Cardinals' staff would be wearing a Giant uniform very shortly. Sallee still is the property of the St. Louis Club, and it is reported that St. Louis has accepted McGraw's terms. "We will know tomorrow whether Sallee will be the property of the New York club," said McGraw.

McGraw had nothing to say when interviewed relative to a deal whereby Herzog would come to the Giants.

DIDIER TO RACE AMERICAN STARS AT PT. BREEZE PARK

Frenchman Has Difficult Task Against Carman and Wiley Tonight

Leon Didier, the French bike champion, will be the main attraction at the Point Breeze Motordrome tonight. Didier will race against Carman, the American middle distance champion, and Wiley, the speedy little Brooklyn rider. In a 10-mile race, the challenge will be a hard one for Didier to win.

Didier was panned over the criticism showered upon him in his last race at the motordrome. Carman, Wiley and Linnard made him leave the track in a huff. Didier, who is a champion, has claimed his pacemaker did not give him a fair deal, and he is now in a challenge to win any rider in America for \$500 a side, providing he could have his own pacemaker. Carman and Wiley both accept the challenge, and the race was arranged for tonight. All the details have been taken care of by Carman and Stein. Hunter has been selected by Carman and Stein to be the starter. The riders and their racing men are all in good shape and eager for the starter's bell.

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