

SOUTH PHILADELPHIA HIGH QUINTET CLINCHES SCHOLASTIC BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

SWEETER TO BASEBALL BUGS THAN SPEAKER OR COBB AT THE PLATE IS ANVIL CHORUS OF ROOTER'S ROW

Gee, How We Love It—The Music of Hammers; Old Oaken Hammers, Iron-Bound Hammers, Moss-Covered Hammers

By GRANTLAND RICE The Bug's Rivery

How dear to my heart are the scenes of last August When fond recollection gets back on the job; It gets even fonder each time that a rare gust Sweeps over the field like a Speaker or Cobb;

How dear to my soul are the echoes of Maytime, The crash of the triple that travels with vim; The squawk of the ump in the thick of the playtime, The bark of J. Evers and Heinie-the-Zim;

Bill, no one but a genius could pick an opening to queer himself as Les Darcy has picked. He has developed the baseball industry into an established science.

The Consistency Record Brilliance is one affair. Consistency is another. Most of the chatter spilt around by Cobb has involved the brilliancy of his work; but little mention has been made of his latter-day consistency.

When a batsman gathers in as many hits as Cobb gathers, you can figure that each bit is worth about two points in an average. Remembering this detail, here are Cobb's batting averages for the last three years:

Table with 2 columns: Year, Average. 1914: .368, 1915: .370, 1916: .371

For three years now in a row there has been a difference of but three points—an average output of less than two hits apart—in his annual supply. For three years he has batted on what is virtually an exact level, the most widely separated points being only 3-1000 apart. If this isn't the consistency record, we pause for a reply.

What Might Have Been the Revised Version

But as he caught the owner's eye And swung on down the pike, Not a roofer in the place could doubt 'Twas Casey on a strike.

If Colonel Fulton should be adjudged the winner in the sporting, not vegetable, sense—in a Willard rebuttal, the twenty, not the ten, round distance is the one that should be selected. The only slight detail that would upset this is that the Willard-Fulton enterprise is a financial, not a sporting, affair.

The Small Town Thrill Sir—You who live in the cities are used

BENCH SHOW HEAD SAYS 'SOCIETY GONE TO DOGS'

Greatest Attendance in Forty-one Years at Kennel Club Show in "Garden"

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—To open the second day of the Westminster Kennel Club's dog show at Madison Square Garden, there was another large attendance, so great indeed that the managers were amazed. It was the same yesterday, when the muster at the entrance gate was the greatest for an opening day in the forty-one years of the fixture. "It looks," said R. H. Williams, president of the club, "as though all society had gone to the dogs."

Features were the successes of J. J. Rupert, the baseball magnate, in St. Bernard's, both his Boy Blue and Portia winning in their classes, and finally, for the best of the breed, Portia beating the Boy Blue, which was an unflinching act, as the dog named after the delightful heroine of the "Merchant of Venice" defeated her own father.

The greatest event of the show thus far has been the coming into prominence of the field trial gundogs as opposed to the gundogs kept for exhibition purposes only. In other years, as they were shown hard and thin from the field work, the champions of the open have usually been passed over in favor of the carpet knights. This year an exception has to be noted.

Mary Montrose is one of the four pointers bought from J. J. Graham for \$7000 by William Zeigler, Jr., a short time ago. She was handled in the ring by R. K. Armstrong, who carried the string over 30 miles this season to attend the American and Canadian field trials. Our Mary is of the small sort, all white except two big brown patches on her face, and as playful as a kitten.

Among the exhibitors to win from Philadelphia, all of whom will have their dogs in the show at Horticultural Hall next week, were W. T. Payne, with cocker spaniels and other gundogs; the Bob White Kennels, with pointers and setters; the Lewises, of Lansdowne, with greyhounds and whippets; Delaware Valley Farm, with Russian wolfhounds; John S. Hillers, with rough collies; the famous Swiss Mountain Kennels, with Pomeranians and other toy breeds, and the Powell, W. H. and D., who brought out the best specimen of mastiff seen in New York for many years.

By Golly, there's a girl after my own heart—she's not all dolled up like the rest of these gay young things



MOVIE OF A MAN JUST BEFORE GOING TO BED



SPORTS WRITERS' BANQUET IS REAL

"Nig," Ted, Alex and Pat Among Guests at Annual Dinner

The "made-in-Philly" dinner, the Philadelphia Sports Writers Association's thirtieth annual banquet, at the Hotel Walton last night, was, as usual, a grand success and a pleasant time was had by all of the more than 300 who were in attendance. Athletic celebrities who have carried the name of Philadelphia to all parts of the world were guests. President George M. Young was toastmaster.

Alex, Ted Meredith, President Baker and Howard Berry were among the chief figures in the Philadelphia sporting line-up. Charles Ebbets, owner of the Brooklyn Club, last year's pennant winner, said that the New York Giants looked like a sure bet in this year's race, but before they won, if they should happen to do so, they would be aware that they were in a battle, for the Dodgers and Phillies would be the ones to give them all the battle they wanted. He told how it felt to be the owner of a pennant-winning aggregation, but added that he had it coming to him, as it was his first in the last ten years.

President Baker, of the Phillies, also was one of the speakers, and related that the Phils only needed three or four practice games before taking on Brooklyn on their home grounds in the opening game of the season, and that after clearing up Brooklyn the Quakers would proceed to Boston to continue the clean-up and then march on New York ready to give the Giants all that they wanted.

Alexander made a short address and talked on everything but that which pertained to his controversy over a 1917 contract with the Phillies. Howard Berry and Ted Meredith also spoke, although not exactly in their line.

Berry paid a fine tribute to Bob Powell, coach of the Penn football team, for his wonderful work with the eleven last year. Powell is at Palm Beach, Fla.

Just before the banquet Toastmaster Young read the names of departed members of the association and the guests stood and drank a silent toast to their memory.

Other speakers were Charles Durborow, chairman, long-distance swimmer; Harry Hempstead, owner of the New York National League Club; Al Saunders, representative of the Grand Circuit through whose efforts the Grand Circuit will be brought to Philadelphia; Harry Jordan, manager of Keith's Theatre; Jack Kelly, champion single scull, coarsman of the National Navy; John K. Tener, president of the National League; Pat Moran, manager of the Phillies; Paul Gibbons, president of the Philadelphia and District Lawn Tennis Association; William Sheffer, the Rev. of the Eastern Basketball League; the Rev. T. W. Davis, Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, physical culture expert, and Charlie Doolin, former manager of the Phillies.

RACING AT JUAREZ OFF UNTIL AFTER TROUBLES El Paso, Tex., Feb. 21.—Racing definitely is off at Juarez until the present unsettled conditions on the border are restored to normal. Horse owners who had reopened the track lost \$60,000 and decided they had enough.

Murray to Coach Maine Eleven ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 21.—The University of Maine has inaugurated a graduate coaching system by appointing Paul Murray, 1914, as coach of the football team for next season. Murray played tackle on the varsity eleven during his four years at the university and was an assistant coach in 1915.

SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS

By LOUIS H. JAFFE

THEY can't keep him down or out! Jim Flynn, the Fireman, is "in again" and New York has the pleasure of the Pueblo veteran's presence. The great "trial horse" of other days is in Gotham for the purpose of trying to show up Fred Fulton, and Flynn says he will admit Erocious Frederick would be deserving of a tilt with Jess Willard if Fulton could beat him. On the other hand, if Fulton were to be "strafed" by the Pueblo fireman, Jim is out with a sweeping challenge to Jim Coffey, Battling Levinsky, Bill Brennan and "Red" Moran. Flynn's cry for another spurge into the heavyweight ring is the credit of having scored a half-minute knockout last week. Flynn went up to Kansas City from his home, and whether the works were in or not, Jim swung one from the floor thirty seconds after the opening bell and Jack Dempsey, who ever he may be, joined the class of Steve Brodie, Annette Kellerman et al.

BASEBALL FAN LOSES IN SUIT AGAINST BROWNS ST. LOUIS, Feb. 21.—A verdict in favor of the St. Louis American League Baseball Company was returned here in the suit of James C. Beach against the company for \$15,000 damages. Beach alleged that while at a game last August he was led from his seat by an usher, who charged him with having taken a baseball which was knocked into the stands.

TOM GRIFFITH SIGNS UP WITH CINCINNATI REDS CINCINNATI, O., Feb. 21.—Tom Griffith, right fielder of the Cincinnati National League Club, has signed a contract for one year here. The signed contract of Mike Hegan, former Kansas City pitcher, also has been received.

DISSTONS HAS BIG GAME SCHEDULED HERE MARCH 3 Disstons will meet the winner of the Scotland-Americans-New York match, which will be played next Sunday in Newark, N. J. Disstons will tackle the winner at Disstons' ball park Saturday, March 3.

REPEAL BILL LIES DORMANT No Move Made to Progress Measure to Kill Boxing in New York ALBANY, Feb. 21.—Although Governor Whitman sent a special message to the State Senate urging the passage of the Slater bill abolishing the State Athletic Commission, no move has been made in the Legislature to progress the bill, which lies dormant in the Judiciary Committee. There is a division of sentiment among members of the Legislature as to just what should be done with the bill. The opposition includes Republican and Democratic Senators alike.

Dick Breen to Captain Reading READING, Pa., Feb. 21.—George Witte, training manager of the Reading team in the South York State Baseball League, has appointed Dick Breen captain. Breen played third base for Elmira last year, but will play second base here.

JOHN CASTLE TO MANAGE HANNIBAL THREE I TEAM John F. Castle, former outfielder for the Phillies and manager of the Lancaster and Atlantic City Tri-State teams, has signed a contract to lead the Hannibal, Mo., team in the Three-I League. Castle will leave for the West in the middle of April. He intends to occupy the sun field as well as take charge of the playing and the Three-I season lasts about four and a half months.

ROBINSON AND HARTE IN HARVARD'S RESERVE CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Feb. 21.—Richard H. Harte and William F. Robinson, of Philadelphia, members of the Harvard varsity football team, are among a score of athletes enlisted in Harvard unit of reserve officers' training corps.

A. A. UMPIRES ARE CHOSEN Four of Last Year's Officials Dropped, Chill May Land Position LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 21.—President Thomas J. Hickey, of the American Association, has announced the following list of umpires for 1917: William Brennan, George H. Johnson, James A. Murray, Gerald Hayes, W. J. Carney, W. F. Eriel and I. P. Knapp. Johnson, Murray, Eriel and Knapp were reappointed. Brennan, Hayes and Carney displace Joseph O'Brien, Frank Connolly and George Goehler. Ollie Chill, of the American League, is being considered for the eighth place.

JAY GOULD PLAYS IN TITLE TOURNEY

Philadelphia Starts in Competition for National Racquet Championship

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—With an entry of fourteen players the national amateur championship racquets singles tournament was started this morning at the Racquet and Tennis Club. New York will be represented by Louis du Pont Irving, W. B. Dinmore, Malcolm D. Whitman, P. T. Freeling-husen, G. F. Waterbury and J. C. Waterbury. Jay Gould, winner of the national title, will play for the Philadelphia Racquet and Tennis Club, of which he is the champion. The Tuxedo, Tennis and Racquet Club will be represented by Stanley G. Mortimer, national champion, and Clarence C. Pell. Boston will have Joshua Crane, one time national title holder, and H. C. Clark, et. A. Thorne, H. L. Dixon and A. Stillwell will represent Chicago. The field is not only the strongest but the most representative that has yet entered for the title. Gould's entry marks his first quest of national championship honors in racquets. The schedule for the tourney is as follows:

Today—10 a. m., Irving vs. Dinmore; 11 a. m., Mortimer vs. Freelinghusen; noon, Gould vs. Crane; 1 p. m., Pell vs. Thorne; 2 p. m., J. F. Waterbury vs. Stillwell; 3 p. m., Waterbury vs. Stillwell; Clark and Whitman, vs. Mortimer.

Thursday—10:30 a. m., Clark vs. winner of the Irving-Dinmore match; 2 p. m., Whitman vs. winner of the Stillwell-Waterbury match; two other matches of second round.

Friday—10 a. m., Irving vs. Dinmore; 11 a. m., Mortimer vs. Freelinghusen; noon, Gould vs. Crane; 1 p. m., Pell vs. Thorne; 2 p. m., J. F. Waterbury vs. Stillwell; 3 p. m., Waterbury vs. Stillwell; Clark and Whitman, vs. Mortimer.

Saturday—10:30 a. m., Clark vs. winner of the Irving-Dinmore match; 2 p. m., Whitman vs. winner of the Stillwell-Waterbury match; two other matches of second round.

Sunday—10:30 a. m., Irving vs. Dinmore; 11 a. m., Mortimer vs. Freelinghusen; noon, Gould vs. Crane; 1 p. m., Pell vs. Thorne; 2 p. m., J. F. Waterbury vs. Stillwell; 3 p. m., Waterbury vs. Stillwell; Clark and Whitman, vs. Mortimer.

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WEST PHILA. FAILS TO STOP SOUTHERN

Germantown's Hopes of Winning Title Shattered When Downtowners Win

Interscholastic League Basketball Statistics

Table with 4 columns: Team, Won, Lost, P.C. South Philadelphia High 10 2 .833, Germantown High 6 4 .600, Central High School 4 4 .500, Northeast High School 4 2 .667, West Philadelphia High 4 2 .667, Philadelphia Trades 3 3 .500, Frankford High School 0 6 .000

West Philadelphia has the team this year, but it lacked the punch. Germantown High, Central and Northeast all cherished hopes that the West Phila's quintet would put the brakes on Southern in the crucial league match yesterday afternoon, but there were no brakes and Southern fairly skidded to victory, 4 to 25.

Hats off to Mark Bunn, leading High School League scorer, best foul-gout thrower and star forward on the South Philadelphia team. Edits to Watters, Dondoro, Milestone, Geverter, Sacks, Owen and Sehr. All joined to bring the Dutch Company trophy to the Jackson street school. Southern's one-sided win over West Philadelphia gave them the championship.

West Philadelphia had a much better team than the record for the season would show, for Rhoades, Korb, Adams, Bachman and Clarke form a fast quintet and a high-scoring machine when going right. Just why West Philadelphia failed to play better in the game with Southern is hard to explain. Southern has a powerful team and deserved to win, but West Philadelphia can surely play better than was the case in the match with the downtown squad yesterday.

Northeast High's single-point victory over Germantown High was the result of a foul goal thrown by O'Brien. It was a nip-and-tuck contest, with both teams evenly matched. Rooney, Hertzog, Carter, White and O'Brien played at the top of their game, and it was O'Brien's field goal that led the score, following a two-pointer by Sargeant, that eventually enabled Northeast to take the lead.

Germantown may finish among the first three in this fight-to-a-finish race for basketball honors, but it will take some hard playing. If the teams consider the league season over and fail to maintain their interest there will be many upsets. Bob Martin, captain of the Chestnut Hill Academy basketball team, was star in the game with Swarthmore Preparatory yesterday afternoon, which the Hillers won, 28 to 26. Wharton also played a brilliant game. The work of Wadsworth, Dickens and Clarke earned Chestnut Hill a take-a-good lead in the first half, 22 to 13, but Swarthmore braced in the second half and nearly passed the Hillers.

South Philadelphia and Northeast are still fighting it out for the second team league basketball championship. The South Phils beat West Philadelphia, 39 to 20, with Goldblatt, Kravitz, Salsman, Pollard and Freed in suits. Curtis, McCullough, Stricht, Uher and Metz represented the West Philadelphia reserves.

Camden High made a new record in basketball. Pennsgrove High School was given a death blow in basketball, 100 to 4. Perhaps the Pennsgrove youngsters will learn something about the game before they tackle Camden High again. It is the highest tally on record so far this season.

Linley, Former Bike Champion, Dies BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Feb. 21.—Joseph Linley, former world champion amateur bicyclist and holder of the world title in basketball, 100 to 4, died here today. He was 39 years old. He was born in Sheffield, England, thirty-nine years ago.

RYAN'S OYSTERS advertisement with text 'OAK ISLAND AND ROBBINS ISLAND OYSTERS', 'The choicest we have received in years. They are salty and meaty and have a flavor that is distinctive and delicious.', 'Received in carloads direct from the beds. Fresh daily.', 'MY PRICE WILL NOT BE ADVANCED', 'Matthew J. Ryan Wholesale Only', 'Front & Dock Streets', 'Lombard 193 Main 1831'

