

AS A LIVING, BREATHING ALIBI, BILL HOLLENBACK IS ONE OF OUR BEST FOOTBALL COACHES

ALL HANDS ARE JUBILANT—ALEX HAS SIGNED AND PAT MORAN IS AGAIN GUIDING A REGULAR TEAM

With the Celebrated Grover Among Those Present the Phillies Have a Pitching Staff Second to None, and Our Fair City Is Smiling

EVERYBODY is happy! President Baker, of the Phillies, is delighted; Grover Cleveland Alexander is tickled to death; the baseball public of Philadelphia is exuberant—for the greatest pitcher in the world will again be the bulwark of Pat Moran's baseball team.

With Alex leading the procession, Moran has a pitching staff which looks as good as any in the league. Next to the Nebraska man must be mentioned Eppa Rixey, considered by many the most promising southpaw in either league.

Oeschger Should Do Some Real Pitching This Season

ANOTHER man who should prove a tower of strength this season is Joe Oeschger. Like Rixey, Joe is equipped physically to stand the test, but he had much to learn when he joined the Phillies.

But that isn't all. Erskine Mayer and Jimmy Lavender should be a big help to the Baker baseball family. The former had a disappointing season last year.

So much for the veterans of the hill. Pat will look over several youngsters while in the South. Five of the newcomers are to be considered. They are Zinn, Carmichael, Lutz, Cratz and Fittery.

They Should Have Fired the Team Instead of Bill

BILL HOLLENBACK has joined the other coaches now traveling around without jobs. Yesterday the old Penn star was placed on the Syracuse football team for 1917.

Instead of playing the game like regular college athletes, they had every appearance of a gang of truck horses. Their hearts were not in the battle and the other teams just walked all over them.

Team Torn by Internal Strife

THERE was dissension in the team from the start. Schlaeter, the big guard, was said to be on the outs with Captain Babe White and they were not on speaking terms.

Syracuse never had a football coach who worked harder than Big Bill. He labored morning, noon and night with the men, and despite the unfavorable conditions had the team playing well at the end of the season.

HOLLENBACK was reached on the long distance phone at Phillipsburg, Pa., today. He was surprised when told of the action taken by Chancellor Day.

"It's all news to me," he stated, "and until I find out what has happened I shall remain silent. All I know is that I have signed up for next year and have the contract."

Experts Entered in Amateur Billiard Tourney

EDWARD W. GARDNER, of Montclair, N. J., champion amateur billiard player, has a mighty difficult proposition on his fingers, starting next Wednesday in Boston, when the annual Class A 18.2 ball game tournament of the National Association of Amateur Billiard Players starts.

Lafayette Still in the Market for Football Coach

AS YET no football coach has been appointed to take charge of the squad at Lafayette next fall. There are many applicants for the position and they are being considered carefully.

IT ISN'T SO EASY TO TELL A LIE AT THAT



ALEX AND PHILS FINALLY AGREE

Star Hurler Signs for Two Years—\$12,500 Salary, Is Report

Alex Joins Croesus Big League Ranks

Grover Cleveland Alexander now ranks among the highest paid players in the major leagues. The leaders, as to salary, follow: John J. McGraw, Giants, \$30,000.

The agreement was reached after a conference which lasted many hours. It had its beginning at the Sports Writers' banquet at the Hotel Walton Tuesday night.

In the last few years there have been four remarkable pitching achievements in the way of earned runs allowed.

These three pitching marks were far beyond the average in effectiveness. The 1915 Grover was considered a young left-hander who had adorned the bench for the better part of two seasons cut in with a mark beyond them all.

So Schupp was the first pitcher of them all to allow less than one run a game to each start.

In the six games which Schupp pitched while the Giants, he had a record of twenty-six consecutive victories the league left-hander allowed only three runs, and only two of these were earned.

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JOHN M'GRAW STRONG PRO-GERMAN IN ONE INSTANCE—HE IS FOND OF SCHUPP AND .90 RUN PERCENTAGE

By GRANTLAND RICE Emulating G. W. The Day We Celebrate

With hearing chest and misty eye The manager then made reply. "Alas, I cannot tell a lie!"

The well-known pitcher with a hop Upon his Fast One let this drop: "I cannot lie to you, old top, So kindly bend an ear;

The fighter bowed his gory head, "I cannot lie to you," he said, "I would 'a' knocked the piker dead, Before the second bell;

He is almost sure to be a big factor in the flag race just ahead, for with the amazing amount of stuff he always carried he now has the confidence needed to make him one of the game's big stars.

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"Yes, I must tell the truth," he said, "This day to celebrate; I had an eighty-six, but I Deserved a sixty-eight."

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DINSMORE'S GOAL WINS FOR MANHEIM

Germantown Academy Triumphs Over Friends' School in Extra Periods, 26-25

Scholastic Basketball Schedule for Today

Jenkintown High vs. Alumni, at Jenkintown. La Salle College vs. Pennsylvania Institute, at Burdettown.

Germantown Academy took a high place in basketball circles when the Manheim athletes defeated the speedy Germantown Friends' School in the game at the Friends' gymnasium.

It was nip and tuck up to the very last minute of play. The clever performances of Button and Patton enabled the home team to make rapid gains in the last half.

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Order Your Spring Suit Now: Have it for Easter

Of course, we know that Easter is quite a few weeks off, but we urge you to order now because this is "between seasons."

The "wise" man will order now because he secures extra value for his money by his maximum attention and service, including "little extras" which every man expects and desires from his tailor.

Full staff on hand, taking things easy, waiting for the rush season—they are your command there. Waiting until later on may bring you disappointment.

Our custom made garments at our prices positively cannot be duplicated elsewhere under \$25 to \$30. Buying materials in enormous quantities and maintaining our own big factory is the reason for these wonderful savings. Don't doubt, get our samples and compare them with suitings selling for \$25 up wards.

Order Now—Pay Small Deposit—We urgently request that you place your order early as possible to protect yourself against disappointment. Last season hundreds were disappointed because of our early spring rush.

Order your suit now and we will hold it until ready for delivery. An absolute fit is guaranteed.

JASPER BATTLES AGAINST DE NERI

Both Teams Are Going Strong and Today's Fight Should Be Bitter

EASTERN LEAGUE STANDING

Scranton 10, Trenton 9, Camden 8, Philadelphia 7, Newark 6, Jersey City 5, Paterson 4, Elizabeth 3, Hudson 2, Newark 1.

George Washington's Birthday will be a memorable one in Eastern Basketball League circles, for outside the fact that Jasper is scheduled to clash with De Neri at Nonpareil Hall, the Jewels from all accounts will have to come across from the "iron men" to William J. Scheffer, president of the league, for playing against Scranton on Monday night with Joe Dreyfus, distinguished under the sobriquet of Barney, in the line-up.

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For the benefit of many who have inquired we wish to state that Jasper was defeated by Scranton, 16-13, in the fracas that will enrich the Eastern League treasury by \$50, unless—well that's another story. Dave Kerr was back in harness and played good ball. Dave said today that he expected to play tonight.

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