

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 Fitterly.

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. I was agreed upon unanimously by the board of directors and the football committee, and the graduate manager, acting for them, signed the paper.

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 baseball. The leaders, as to salary, follow: John J. McGraw, Giants, \$30,000; George Stallins, Braves, 20,000; Eric Kowker, Cleveland, 17,500; Ty Cobb, Detroit, 15,000; Eddie Collins, Chicago, 15,000; Walter Johnson, Washington, 12,500; Grover Alexander, Phillies, 12,500; Clark Griffith, Washington, 12,000; Hughie Jennings, Detroit, 10,000; Johnny Evers, Braves, 10,000; Bill Donovan, Yankees, 8,000; Ray Caldwell, Yankees, 8,000.

Grover Cleveland Alexander has signed a contract to pitch for the Philadelphia Baseball Club for the season of 1917 and 1918. The premier pitcher in the league capitulated when he was offered a flat sum of \$12,500 a year, with a war clause included in the articles.

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, continued until the wee small hours of Wednesday morning and was resumed in the afternoon.

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Bowling News

Artisans held their usual weekly matches last night, many exciting series being rolled. In Section A, the winner, outrolling, was Gertrude in the last two matches, after dropping the first by a 111 to 904 score.

Progressive beat Underdown two games, and Pennsylvania won the latter, winning two games from Northwestern. The scores of the series were: Pennsylvania, 808, 874 and 828; Northwestern, 852, 850 and 925.

Darnell, of Germantown, started off with 224. Holland, a team mate, rolled 201 in the same game.

McCorkell rolled scores of 199, 190 and 200 for Adelphia. Thels got 200, 207 and 155. Lambert's best game was the second when he scored 201.

G. Simpson cracked out 206 in the initial game for Bartram.

Oak Lane won the third game by eight pins with an 823 score. Blessing getting an even double century score.

Vossman got a 200 score in the only game in the series. He had 190 in the second and 201 in the third.

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"— He hissed through molars clinched; "The fact is"—here he choked a sob—"I've three young Wagners on the job, Two Speakers and another Cobb— We've got the pennant clinched!"

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; I'll be there with the old salute Where Cobb fans like a bush recruit; Just say that I intend to shoot The stuff of my career."

The fighter bowed his gory head, "I cannot lie to you," he said, "I would 'a' knocked the piker dead, Before the second bell; I should 'a' copped the jamboree All seven weeks, but, hully gee, How did I know the referee Was crookeder than hell!"

WE HAVE never heard Colonel John J. McGraw express any opinion about the European upheaval. But in one particular instance, at least, he is pro-German. This is at the moment one happens to mention the name of Schupp—Ferdinand Schupp, of Kentucky.

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SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS

By LOUIS H. JAFFE

BOXING has lost one of the best welter-weight glovermen in the country, and a man who probably would have brought great credit to the name of Pennsylvania. He is Steve Latzo and his recent announcement that he had retired apparently was a fact. Despite receiving several tempting offers, one with Jack Wilkes-Barre, and has been making his home in Hazelton during the last few months, having settled down in business.

No reason for Latzo's retirement has come out of Hazelton, although he may, or must, be in the same boat with Packey McFarland. Steve has been married for about a year, and as in the case of McFarland, Latzo's "real manager" probably insists on him giving up the game.

South Philly's 184-pound championship is at stake tonight in the wind-up of the Broadway Brawl against Smokey Hollow, with Joe Knoux and Mickey Gallagher, from the same district, exchange pins. This match has been the talk of the southern section of the city for a long while.

Harry Leonard vs. Charley Walters, Gene Gannon vs. Pete Connors and Horace Daniels vs. Connie Schaefer are other numbers.

All lightweight bouts are on the Cambria's program for tonight, with Joe Knoux of Kensington, breaking into the wind-up class bit against Eddie Hanson, with Mike Doyle and Johnny Duff, in a return match, compose the remaining other bouts. Chick Rhodes recorded 291 in the second contest.

A third Pat Bradley has entered the local ring field. Italian Pat Bradley and Irish Pat Bradley, and now Black Pat Bradley makes himself evident. The colored Bradley person was seen at the local ring.

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 Bordentown. Friends' School vs. Bordentown Military Institute, at Bordentown. Perkiomen Seminary vs. Haverford School, at Haverford. ICE HOCKEY Haverford School vs. Germantown High School at Fifty-second street and Lancaster avenue.

Germantown Academy took a high place in basketball circles when the Manheim athletes defeated the speedy Germantown Friends' School quintet in the game at the Friends' gymnasium. An extra period of five minutes was necessary to decide the match, Germantown winning, 26 to 25, when Archie Dinsmore, the all-round athlete, scored a foul goal.

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. Button scored three field goals and seven foul goals, out of a total of 26 and tossed two points, while Wood had 4 and Wener 1. Although Bacon, the guard, did not score, he played a good game.

The foul-goal throwing of Dinsmore had much to do with the final score. He made 16 points out of a total of 26 and tossed two field goals. Darrow made two two-pointers and Henson had one. Gentilli and Beck were the guards. They were too busy blocking the Queen lane players to help in the scoring.

If the Germantown Friends' School fails to put a winning team on the floor in 1918 it will be strange, for the reserves defeated the Germantown Academy five yesterday in an extra-period game, 17 to 15. The rivalry was quite evident in this match, and it was just as exciting as the first-team game.

Germantown Friends, with Innes, Truitt, Bullock, Cowing and Hodge, fought hard every minute of the time. Simons and Russell got into the fray. Truitt did the most scoring, with Bullock and Cowing next in line. It was Cowing's field goal that gave Friends the verdict by a two-point lead.

Germantown Academy's "future greats" were Beard, O'Connell, Holcombe, H. Smith, E. Smith and Lawson. Lawson played a clever game. Beard scored two field goals and two out of eight foul goals, while O'Connell made three field goals.

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