

JUDGING FROM WILLARD'S ANXIETY TO FIGHT, HE SHOULD SIGN W. J. BRYAN AS HIS MANAGER

GIANTS ALREADY HAVE WON FLAG UNLESS OLD MAN HISTORY STEPS IN AND CAUSES UPSET BY REPEATING

McGraw's Players Look Better Than All of the Others Put Together, but the Ante-Season Favorite Has Been Trimmed in the Past

UNLESS history repeats itself—and history has a habit of doing that very thing—the New York Giants have nothing to worry about this year outside of the weather and whom they will meet in the world's series.

This history stuff is quite interesting when baseball is brought into the argument. In 1906 New York had one of the classiest organizations in the business and easily won the pennant in the National League.

Old Man History Also Has Interfered With Other Champions

AFTER looking over the baseball events of the last half decade, it seems that the most dire misfortune that can come to a ball team is to be the reigning favorite.

The following year saw another Philadelphia favorite hit the dust. Charlie Doolin took a fine flock of veterans and youngsters to Southern Pines for training purposes and brought a regular ball club back with him.

THEN something happened. Suddenly everything went wrong, and by the Fourth of July the Phils' fine lead had dwindled to nothing and the despised Giants went to the fore, never to be headed.

Giants Were the Ruling Favorites in 1914

AS a matter of fact, the Giants looked so honest-to-goodness strong in their own league that the experts even forgot to collect their salaries in the mad rush to pick the Giants for the 1914 pennant.

All went well for the first half of the season. Then out of the north, from the town of the high brow and sacred cod, swept a wild tribe led by one George Stallings.

History Had Nothing to Do With Athletics' Downfall

DESPITE the lacing they received at the hands of the Braves, the Athletics were universally picked to repeat in 1915, but they finished last.

In considering the misfortunes of favorites, do not overlook the fate which overtook the unfortunate Yankees and Cleveland Indians last season.

Giants Look Like Easy Winners This Year Unless—

AND now we have the Giants of 1917. If ever a team looked like ready money, a check from home, sure thing, lead-pipe cinch and made to order winner, it is the Giants.

Second Sixteens in Golf Championships

THE habit of making up a second sixteen, and perhaps more, in a championship bout is holding its own with the revolution of time.

Greystock Takes Lead in Eastern Basketball League

LEADERSHIP in the Eastern Basketball League is a regular Alphonse-Gaston act, for it certainly is a case of now you see me, now you don't.

West Virginia Senate Votes Down Ring Bill

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Feb. 24.—The West Virginia Senate by a vote of 13 to 12 last night, killed the Otto bill, which provided for the holding of boxing matches under the direction of a State athletic commission.

A MAN IN THE SOUTH GETS A LETTER FROM THE NORTH

Cartoon strip titled 'A MAN IN THE SOUTH GETS A LETTER FROM THE NORTH' showing a man reading a letter and reacting with various expressions of surprise and concern.

MANHEIM ATHLETES DESERVE PRAISE

Coach Lewis's Squad, First Year in League, End Season With Victory

In view of the fact that Germantown High joined the basketball league this season and that the Manheim boys are now in second place and are either sure of this position or a tie with Northeast for second, the uptown team deserves as much praise for its brilliant showing as do the champions, Southern High.

South Philadelphia had a team of veterans, with many experienced league players in the ranks. Germantown started on the ground floor and made good in a very short period of time, due to the excellent coaching and the instruction given the players by Coach Phil G. Lewis.

West Phillies Win Twice

West Philadelphia High's athletes had a banner day. The basketball team defeated Frankford High, 23 to 19, in a spirited contest, due to the clever passing of Korh, Rhoades, Adams, Bachman, French and Clarke.

Rodgers Northeast Star

Captain Rodgers again showed that he was a leader in track and field sports when, in the dual meet with the Central High athletes, he scored fifteen points.

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Table showing baseball standings for various teams including South Philadelphia, Germantown High, and Northeast High, with columns for Wins, Losses, and Percentage.

NEW YORK YANKS START FOR MACON, GA., TO TRAIN

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—The second hopeful of New York fandom—the Yankees—today started for Macon, Ga., where they will go through the training of some fragile but promising youngsters.

JOE WOOD MAY BE SOLD TO INDIANS BY RED SOX

BOSTON, Feb. 24.—Negotiations for the sale of Joseph Wood, once star pitcher of the Boston Americans, to the Cleveland Club, have been discussed between Harry H. Frazee, president of the local club, and Vice President Robert McCoy, of Cleveland.

SAILOR JACK IS SWELL HIGH-DIVER, BUT HIS REAL STUFF IS RESCUING COIN VANISHING WITH MANAGERS

Jolly Jack Tar Hits Mat From Jaw-Biffing, but Puts Up Real Fight Later When Too Many Managers Grab His Coin

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

SAILOR JACK CARROL has lost none of his cunning as a deep-sea diver and proved that he is the undisputed Kellermann champion of the United States Navy in a bout over in New York last night.

As he was making an exit through a side door another mysterious person appeared and said that he, too, was Jack's manager.

When the new law goes into effect it will wipe out not only the Boxing Commission, but also all of the clubs which have been operating under the Frawley law.

The staying of boxing in New York was brought about indirectly through the charges brought against one of the boxing commissioners.

Judging from newspaper reports, about six men will appear in the wind-up at the National tonight.

SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS

By LOUIS H. JAFFE

PHILADELPHIA will be represented this year in amateur competition in Pittsburgh, Boston and in the annual international boxing bouts at Sweden, with Patsy Appalucci, a diminutive Italian youngster from South Philadelphia, wearing the Blue and Yellow.

Evening Ledger Decisions of Ring Bouts Last Night

CAMBRIDGE, C.—Eddie Sheehan outboxed Joe Norris, Johnny Duffy won from 'Doc' Davis, Tommy Landon defeated 'Black' Mike Carr, Tommy Carey best Mike Burns, Joe Egan outboxed Eddie Linn.

SNYDER IS AGAIN NORTHEAST COACH

Red and Black Has Several Star Veterans for This Year's Nine

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

Northeast High School should be well represented on the diamond this year.

The team this season will be coached by Harry Snyder, who was successful in his first year at Northeast. Coach Snyder is a graduate of Ursinus College, where he played on the baseball and football teams for several seasons.

Snyder left Slippery Rock Normal to accept a position as athletic director at Shippenburg Normal.

There are eight players from last year's first squad still at school.

Only one pitcher is left from last year's first and second teams.

Manager Quay has arranged the following schedule:

Tuesday, April 3—Princeton Fresh at Princeton. Wednesday, April 4—Penn Charter at Penn Charter.

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Eastern League Basketball

DE NERI MEETS TRENTON TONIGHT

Musical Fund Hall Scene of Battle—Greystock Jumps Into Lead

EASTERN LEAGUE

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AMERICAN LEAGUE PLAY-OFF

The local Eastern League game on tonight's schedule is between De Neri and Trenton, at Musical Fund Hall, Eighth and Locust streets.

The visitors are thundering along at top speed, and on their last visit here handed the Greys one artistic lacing which will be remembered for some time to come.

Think It Over, Joe

These next few lines are for our college chum, Joe Dreyfuss, to ponder over. The backfield captain of the Downtowners is one wonderful game artist, and whether he should be commended for making the change to the State League is about to be decided.

Penn Faces Cornell

The University of Pennsylvania basketball squad met the Cornell team at Weightman Hall this evening, and predictions of a Red and Blue victory are in order.

Greys Take Lead

Before a capacity crowd at Cooper Field Greystock humbled Jasper by the score 27-23 and ousted the Jewels from first place in the race.

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