

PHILLIES MUST BRACE OR THEIR GOLIATH ENDEAVOR AGAINST GIANTS WILL PROVE FUTILE

McGRAW'S CLUB IS PLAYING GREAT BALL, AND MORANMEN HAVE TOUGH WEDNESDAY-TO-SATURDAY SERIES

Phils May 'Be Wandering Way' Down Where Macks Roamed for Two Years Unless New Yorkers' Spurt Is Stopped Here

It is to be fervently hoped that the Phils will get together in the next two days. Forget their mistakes of the past and play the game they are capable of playing.

However, Moran's hirings are not in such terrible shape. Against Brooklyn Saturday they played well in spots and never made an error unless the Dodgers could profit by it.

WITH Big Ed Pfeffer in shape, the Phils faced the best pitching of the year. Gavy Cravath was squelched three times when a hit meant a score.

Merry Race Is On for Second Place

THE National League race promises to be a very exciting fight for second-place honors among seven clubs unless some one puts a crimp into the Giants.

But the other clubs do not seem to be worried and the players with Boston, Brooklyn and Philadelphia believe that the expensive cast will crack under the strain.

TY COBB also expresses his views and he speaks as one who has suffered. "In a short time," says Ty, "that gang in the infield will be fighting among themselves and you will see a battle-royal before, during and after each game."

Western Teams Appear to Be Rather Weak This Year

BECAUSE the western clubs are fighting it out among themselves in the early games, it is difficult to get a line on the strength of the teams.

In the American League, however, conditions are reversed. The White Sox look like another gang of Giants and are winning games.

FOR the first time in two years the Athletics can be classed with the other teams in the league and their showing has been a pleasant surprise.

Fred Merkle Has Stepped in and Saved Two Clubs

THE sale of Fred Merkle to the Cubs is another indication that the first baseman has qualified for the first-aid honors in the National League.

But Merkle will be a life-saver for the Cubs. Fred Mitchell was getting gray-haired in his efforts to land a first-sacker and virtually had decided on switching Larry Doyle to that position.

MERKLE broke into fast company in 1907, when he played fifteen games with the Giants. He was utility man in 1908 when he pulled his famous "boner," and in 1909 became the regular first baseman.

Amateur Question Will Come Up Again

THE much-discussed amateur question, which was recently resurrected by the executive committee of the U. S. N. L. T. A., is sure to come in for a renewed session when it becomes generally known that Philadelphia's No. 2 player, Tom W. Tilden, 24, has become associated with a sporting goods firm.

THE National Amateur Athletic Union, which has been organized to place the issue before the public, has elected Wallace Johnson as its president.

THE DAYS OF REAL SPORT



GOOD USE OF AN OLD BARN

HOCH QUILTS PENN BASEBALL TEAM

Catcher Says He Did Not Get Fair Chance for Position

The first sign that there was dissatisfaction in the ranks of the Pennsylvania baseball squad came to light recently when it was learned that Charlie Hoch, second string catcher, had quit the team because he believed that he was not getting a fair chance to show his ability in the big games.

Hoch came to Pennsylvania in the fall of 1914 and alternated with Gilmore on the freshman nine the following spring. Last season was his first as a varsity player, and although he was not placed in many games, he always appeared good when he received the call.

Gilmore's Throwing Poor Gilmore never has been a good hitter at Penn, although he slugged with the best of them when he played with the Strawberry & Clothier team last summer.

In the Harvard game last season, Gilmore's showing was miserable. In the first seven innings seven Crimson runners pilfered bases, five of them stealing to second and the other two to third.

Another example of poor tossing by Gilmore was seen in the Lehigh game of last Saturday when Fishburn and C. Twombly, the South Bethlehem shortstop and first baseman, respectively, stole seven bases between them.

To Play Independent Ball Hoch does not intend to quit baseball, however, and it is rumored that he will play with an independent amateur team.

Two of the players, who were veterans last year, were warming the bench at Penn in the early part of the season and one is still there. They are Sammy Moore, who captained the nine last season, and Dave Bennis, the hard-hitting centerfielder.

Johnny Lavin was given the choice over Bennis in every one of the games played this year, with the exception of the Lehigh contest on Saturday, despite the fact that Dave led the team in hitting last season, being the only man on the squad to whittle the sphere over .300.

Baltimore to Retain Sunday Baseball BALTIMORE, Md., April 22.—In an effort to have professional baseball playing prohibited on Sundays and also to prohibit the change of admission to the championship game played yesterday at the Gentlemen's Driving Park between the Rochester team and Jack Dunn's team, which has been a thousand baseball enthusiasts, the Men's Bible Class of St. Andrew's Methodist Episcopal Church, Arlington, headed by the pastor, Rev. J. H. Kieffer, held a meeting before Marshal Cockey, chief of the county police force. The marshal held the delegation to no charge for admission would be allowed and they were to have a peaceful, orderly game on Sunday.

SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS

By LOUIS H. JAFFE

EDDIE FITZSIMMONS, of New York, is a great little battler. Fitz, however, insists that he be stung before he begins to put on his act that proves him a great little battler.

Coffey Must Beat Morris to Remain in Limelight

Jim Coffey will do or die tonight, and well might James try. He has contracted to defeat Carlos Morris, gigantic Napoleon, in New York, and unless he does the Irish boy will take another slide down the chute that leads the lumpy way to oblivion.

colored the local lad's features better than Louis Raemakers, the Dutch artist, could.

Irish Patsy Cline is being recognized among New York's leading lightweights. He has been boxing so well that several Gotham promoters are attempting to match him with Benny Leonard. Despite Cline's ability, he has a tough job on his hands for tonight at the Olympia against Terry McGovern. Terry is a rugged battler, and Irish Patsy will have to be on his toes every inch of the eighteen minutes. Joe O'Donnell got started again after a long lay-off, and Lewis tackles Johnny Moloney in the first part of the scheduled "triple wind-up." Other bouts are between Lew Stinger and Lee Vincent and Billy Hines and Young McGovern, of Allentown.

Bobby Reynolds says he would not pass up a date with Darryl Casper, and admits he would be all the more anxious to face Darryl again. However, Reynolds is desirous of getting on with Johnny Dundee. He says he clearly out-pointed Dundee before, and believes he could repeat the entire boxing populace of South Philadelphia would back Bobby in a match with Dundee, the Philadelphia says.

A letter for Jimmy Doyle, of Pittsburgh, is awaiting him in the sports department of the Evening Ledger.

Eddie O'Keefe is planning his opening opening show at Reading. Local boxers probably will be the feature of his first wind-up, and he must decide on a return match between Bobby Reynolds and Darryl Casper. Eddie thinks his scrap here two weeks ago was so sensational, a repetition would make a big hit in Reading.

WAR SAVES MONEY FOR HARVARD A. A.

Cancellation of Crimson Sports Keeps Down Expenses of \$50,000

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., April 22.—Harvard's prompt action in dropping all its organized athletics with the declaration of war will allow the University Athletic Association's books to show a fat profit for the first time since sports were taken up at Cambridge.

The failure to go through the season's schedule in baseball, rowing, track and other sports will save the athletic association approximately \$40,000, and when a grand balance is made at the end of the academic year there will be something like \$50,000 left for investment or to whatever use the Harvard athletic solons wish to put it.

The customary annual cost of keeping Harvard in the athletic limelight is around \$150,000. And as the estimated receipts of the Crimson's football schedule last November are \$150,000 or somewhat more, it can be seen that the Crimson management appeared to be set on the road to showing a small profit—somehow of an accomplishment in these days of costly specialized athletics.

But the Harvard solons little dreamed last fall that \$50,000 would be still remaining in the athletic office's account when all bills for the current year had been settled.

So if the spring sports had been continued Harvard faced the proposition of laying out something like \$60,000, with the prospects of only getting in return \$20,000 of this sum.

SCHOOLBOYS FACE MANY HARD GAMES

Eight Interscholastic League Teams Play Today. Hard Test for C. H. S.

P. C. PLAYS EPISCOPAL

With the school baseball teams in the midst of their active season and the league contests coming one after another little time remains for practice games. In addition to the contest with Germantown High today, Central High faces a hard week of three other matches, all in the interscholastic League.

If Doctor O'Brien loses Clarke, the Cuban twirler, it will be a severe blow to the Crim-son and Gold. In the South Philadelphia game, which Central won 5 to 3, he did not allow a single hit until the sixth inning. In the last inning South Phillies had a chance to win the game, but Clarke rallied to the occasion and held his opponents to one run.

Goldberg connected for a triple and then "Doc" Wattman singled, scoring him. With one run scored, Wattman on the bases and none out, things looked gloomy for Central. Clarke fanned Casper, Weinraub and Owens in succession. After the game the Cuban stated that as his parents had moved to Virginia he expected to leave school this week. Doctor O'Brien would like to retain him and there is still some chance that he will finish out the school term.

If the report is authentic that the Swarthmore Preparatory School tennis players have so much military and preparedness work on their hands that they cannot play out their regularly scheduled interscholastic League tennis matches, why not ask Haverford School to join the league to play out Swarthmore's schedule?

Haverford School players meet the majority of the interscholastic and Inter-academic League teams at any rate. Manager Lippincott's schedule includes matches with Penn Charter School, Germantown High, West Philadelphia High School, Friends' Central and other local teams. It would be an easy matter to rearrange the list so as to take part in the league series and interscholastic League officials would welcome Haverford School as a member of this organization.

Swarthmore's unexpected action has not caused quite as much surprise as the fact that the Swarthmore players failed to appear for their match with Northeast High on Saturday last and, more than that, they failed to notify the Northeast management that the tennis team would not be on hand. Perhaps a little more time in details of this nature would not be amiss at Swarthmore.

At many of the schools it has been clearly indicated that the athletes are ready for service and at the schools where military drills have been made the most of and athletics have continued to win honors and seem to be as well prepared for the call of the nation as any other group.

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