

MAC'S LINE-UP IS VIRTUALLY AS FAMILIAR AS A PHONE DIRECTORY IN A STRANGE TOWN

HAULING MACKS, IN FIGHTING TRIM, OPEN AT HOME WITH YANKEE TEAM; BROKE EVEN AGAINST STRONG TEAMS

The Athletics Play Three Games Here Before Making Western Trip, and Fans Have Opportunity to See Club Out of Last Place

AFTER the most successful invasion of the East since the days of the championship club and the \$100,000 infield, Connie Mack and his Athletics came back home today ready to give battle to the New York Yankees in a three-game series...

Connie Mack promised the fans of Philadelphia a good baseball team and he has fulfilled his promise. He took a bunch of players, threw them together and after painstaking toil molded them into a first-class team.

Against Washington the A's broke even, winning two and losing two. In New York they won both games that were played, and dropped a pair in Boston after hard battles.

THE Mackmen are here today and will remain until Tuesday night, when they start on their western trip. It is up to the fans of Philadelphia to give the team a rousing welcome to show their appreciation.

St. Louis Cards Insist on Winning Games Despite Hard Luck Howls ACCORDING to the signals of distress flying over the Cards camp in St. Louis, the club should be fighting among themselves for last place in the league.

Before the season started Manager Huggins was frank in admitting that he had the worst baseball team in the world. He could see nothing but last place and admitted, under pressure, that they would be lucky if they finished in the league.

THEY are headed in this direction now, and walloped Pittsburgh a couple of times just to show that they are right. The team of weaklings and castoffs is showing lots of class and is well primed for the invasion beyond the Alleghenies.

Dark, Dismal Tales Still Are Being Spread by the Scribes

IT'S a miracle how St. Louis ever wins a game. Judging from reports, there is the nicest little gang of pessimists hanging around and their continual croaking should take the spirit out of the players.

"Serious complications threaten the pennant push of the Cardinals' baseball club. Hornsby's heel seems to be an injury that will keep him out of the game for some time, and Lee Meadows seems to have fallen into the habit of pitching from three to seven, but never eight or nine good innings.

"It is now up to Huggins to teach Betzel how to play the position. Hug knows more about second basing than any man alive. He assumed a position deep, and well back of the bag. He always kept the ball on his left hand and always seemed to have a short easy throw to first.

YOU can't beat this mournful wail, but the club is traveling at a fast pace despite the innumerable handicaps. But if that gang of scripples can make good now, what will they do when they get well?

Cochran and Schaefer Best Youthful Billiardists

WELKER COCHRAN, the boy wonder cultist now being groomed to meet Willie Hoppe, continues to play the sensational brand of billiards that brought him to the front when he scored a triumph over the veteran Sutton in Chicago some months ago.

But young Cochran has combined the two styles, and now that he has mastered a stroke he seems like the best young billiard prospect since Hoppe was discovered. Cochran has one rival, however, in Young Jake Schaefer, son of the late wizard, and Benjamin, manager of Hoppe, is willing to back Schaefer in a match against Cochran.

LARRY CHAPPELLE has been canned by the Braves. The highly advertised outfielder failed to make good with Stallings' team, and judging from the men George has playing there, he must have been extremely sad.

HARRY HARPER is with us again and has disproved the tales that his sore arm would keep him on the side lines forever more. In his first appearance, Harper beat the Yankees and looked to be in good shape.

JOHN PASKERT, who plays center and part of right field for Pat Moran, busted into the hit column yesterday when he sent a single out to center in the fourth inning. There was considerable cheering, as a run was scored, but there should have been even more cheering than that.

MORAN kept Alexander in the pen warming up yesterday, but the big pitcher was not needed. Mayer hurled a beautiful game and held the Braves out all times. He had the bases filled twice, but tightened up and no scores were made.

AS a case of Greek vs. Greek in the fourth, when Gavy Cravath stacked up against Sherwood Magee's throwing arm. Gavy went to third on a single, but Magee stopped when Magee got the ball.

KELLY-TRYING TO STICK A TIGHTWAD



TRENCH WORK TO LAY OUT 36-HOLE GOLF LINKS AT ATLANTIC CITY WILL BE HELD OVER TILL OCTOBER

After Bean Crop to Be Planted on New Ground Is Reaped Donald Ross Will Plot Great Course—Shots of Tournament

COUNTRY CLUB OF ATLANTIC CITY, NORTHFIELD, N. J., May 3. WORK on the elaborately planned new golf course of the Country Club here will not be started until September or possibly October.

As was announced earlier in the week, the ground on which the course will be set, will be laid open by the flow very shortly, and vegetables will be introduced in seed-bed sprinklings.

Donald Ross, the premier golf architect, had been engaged to begin laying out the links on June 1, but war has cut into the schedule of the Northfield committee.

Atlantic City will eventually maintain two eighteen-hole courses, making, with Merion, two such layouts in the Philadelphia district. Plans figure the new course as one of the finest of its kind, and there will be strenuous efforts made to land a United States amateur championship in time for the two courses, old glory, on a great must, cranked in the breeze today beside the clubhouse in anticipation.

It is planned to hold the fall tourney here, as usual, though patriotism rules strongly. Nearly all the members are hot for the farming idea, and most have signed up among the hoe-holders.

The new ground is nearly 150 acres, and much of this will be set aside for the cropping.

Rural Plans Rule Beans and potatoes will be the victims of the amateur planter's zeal. Members are asked either to put in \$10 and two hours of labor the week, or \$25 for the season, guaranteeing to pay for labor if they can't do their bit themselves.

Maurice Risley, who wins medals here, went off last in the qualifying round yesterday and kept every one in a tremor for wondering if he would cop again. But he couldn't do anything more desperate than fall into a triple tie at 83, due to putting fallacy. Old friend Charles Leonard Fletcher, a prominent actor who holds the world's record for golf holes played in a year, only played fifty-one holes the day before the tournament here and didn't get going very well for that reason in the qualifying round. He made a game effort

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Evening Ledger Decisions of Ring Bouts Last Night

BROADWAY A. C. — Young Joe Barrell drew with Larry Casner, Muck's Billy defeated Jim Moran, third; Frankie McFadden beat Joe Moran, Mike Russell and Mike Burns drew.

READING — Jimmy Murphy defeated Stanley Willis, Zig Hagan stopped Steve Colquhoun, Billy Young, Charles won from Frankie Conroy, Harry Davis beat Barney Burns, Young Ernie outpointed Kid Alberto.

ALLENTOWN — Homer Smith knocked out Walter Jack Carroll, third; Don McCarroll stopped Johnny Williams, first; Joe McCarroll knocked out Young Tomler, third.

ATLANTIC CITY (continues) — Johnny Vingo defeated Johnny Smith, Al Monroe stopped Frank Canessa, second; Herbert Johnson beat Mike Gordon, Freddie Welsh won from Tammy Green, Charles Bender defeated Frankie Arnes, Young Reddy beat to Andrew Johnny, second; Charles Martin stopped Frankie Ritchie, second.

of making a 5 through all the length of a six-foot list of entries till Charles F. Mills threw on the crimps with a hippy 4. Even twelve and thirteens at the hole were not unpopular yesterday.

A vigorous match, with excitement rampant, was the 90-foot of John H. Lippincott and J. S. Coole. On the short fourth Lippincott arranged his shoulders carefully like after greasing his ball, and then sank a nice two. Meantime Coole was plunging his iron assortment into the turfing till the last of an A was holed out. He hid his time and finally got back at Lippincott on the tenth, when he holed a nice putt himself for a 2. The enemy took 6.

The greens here are a real comfort. Holes are catching the putts from every angle.

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FLYING SHOT AND BURSTING SHELL FAIL TO DAMPEN BASEBALL ARDOR OF TRENCH FIGHTERS IN EUROPE

Canadian Troops Find Diversion in Favorite American Sport, Played on Plowed Fields Close Behind the Firing Line

By GRANTLAND RICE

Sport back of the firing lines of France may soon be taken up by American divisions. In view of this the following letter from a member of the Canadian expeditionary force may be doubly interesting:

"Dear Mr. Rice—I have long been a reader of your column, because I am a fan. And being a returned soldier from the front with the Canadian expeditionary force, Third Battalion, First Brigade, I thought I would let you know something about bomb throwing and what effect it would have on the Huns if Walter Johnson, Alexander Ruth, Charlie Morton, Darius or any of those great whips were in a bomb company.

"In the first place, it is not speed that is counted upon, unless it is getting the bomb away once you pull the pin, and in the second place, it is not a baseball throw that hurls the bomb into the trenches. It is more of a throw on the style of a cricket player with an overhead delivery that loops the bomb into the enemy trench a straight throw, such as an outside's peg or a slip across the diamond, would invariably hit the top of the parapet and do no mortal damage, which is not what a bomb is intended to do.

About Baseball in France

"Let me tell you, Mr. Rice, about baseball in France. We Canadians surely did have to have a game to try to get our minds off the ball that was going on, and it would have done Ban Johnson's heart good to see two rival teams playing within a mile and a half of the firing line behind their billets, and it was actually stated that the left fielder on A Company made a mistake and chased what he thought was a long fly only to discover that it was a four-pounder from the Huns that lit and puffed up in the next field. This happened at Zillebeke.

"I am telling you these facts just to show you how the Canucks carry even though they are intermingled in all the most vital element of hell. Sport is the only relaxation for a nerve-wrecked body, and believe me, the wrecking crew is saturated throughout France. Therefore, do not let them out on baseball because you are in your own socks. Put all your troubles in your old kit bag, and smile, smile, smile."

"Another thing I would like to tell you is that there are not anything like the number of United States natives in the Canuck army that they tell about. What there are of them are as good as any of the best, and we only wish that there were a couple of hundred thousand more of them. Most of the boys who came to Canada to enlist from the States were former Canadians or

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