

THEY MAY DISAGREE ON NICKNAME FOR CRAVATH, BUT ALL AGREE HE CAN BUST THE BALL

"THERE'S ONE OF THE GAVVIES," CRAVATH WAS DISCOVERED AND HIS NICKNAME HAS TRAILED HIM SINCE

The Phils' Star Slugger Once Played with the Gaviota, Cal., Team and "Gavvy" Followed Him to the Big Leagues

IT IS customary to wish a few nicknames on ball players or any athlete who is in the public eye, as a mark of respect. We have Stuffy McInnis, Muggsy McGraw, Dode Paskert, Connie Mack and hundreds of others, but it will take a long time to find a better assortment of names than those wished on our own Charles C. Cravath. Some of them are very original and even cannot be found in the dictionary. We all know Cravath as "Gavvy," and an anxious fan has written us to find out what it means and how he happened to get it. A glance through Mr. Webster's largest dictionary fails to reveal anything that even looks like that word. The closest thing to it is "gavial," which is the name of an Indian esocid, but we couldn't go so far as to call Charles by that name. Then we had an idea that the nickname came from "gabby" and was switched around by some careless printer so often that it stuck. This seemed to be the answer until we interviewed Mr. Cravath and obtained the real dope.

"There is no doubt about that 'Gavvy' stuff," said Charles. "I have had that nickname as long as I can remember, and it didn't come to me because I talk a little, either. When I was a kid out on the coast I played baseball every chance I got and soon became known in the small towns near my home. I lived in a place called Gaviota, Cal., and the ball club had the same name. One day I played with another team and a spectator who recognized me shouted, 'There's one of the Gavvies.' Throughout that game they called me Gavvy, and it has stuck to me ever since. I picked up some more polite names on the coast, but 'Gavvy' still is with me. Charlie Van Loan slipped me that one because I used to remark about his size and rotund figure. Another one, which is suggestive of my speed, is 'Wooden Shoes.' Some guy wished that on me when I was playing with the Boston Americans. Perhaps I'll get a few more before I quit the game, and they will be welcome to my collection."

GAVVY wears his honors becomingly. He carries his flock of names without any trouble. He is hitting the ball better than ever before and threatens to become one of the leading watters in the league. Thus far he has had five home runs and the official averages up to Wednesday night give him .337. That's pretty good for this time of the year.

Cravath Was Ready to Quit Last Year and Go to the Bushes

GAVVY was not regarded as a regular when he reported for spring training this year. He batted .253 in 1916, but his fielding was not up to the standard and it was believed that he had seen his best days. It was decided, however, to keep him as a pinch hitter and allow him to warm the bench most of the time. But when Pat Moran saw him work out in St. Petersburg there was a change in plans and Gavvy received a regular berth. He has played in every game and his hitting won many of them.

It is believed that Cravath worried too much last year and that affected his playing. In the world series he was away off form and his batting slump was the cause of the Phillies' defeat. Gavvy felt bad about it and tried too hard to make good. As a result he got off to a bad start and was lucky to finish where he did. This year, however, it was different. He didn't have a care in the world and got into the game with more spirit than the youngest rookie. In a short time he was in good physical shape and his batting eye in midseason form. He started hitting the very first day and has kept it up. Cravath is a fixture in the outfield despite his glaring errors occasionally, and his warlike will bring more victories to the House of Moran.

Another slugger who has hurried into the select circle is Bill Killefer. The steely catcher now has a swatting average of .323, which is more than he has batted in years. Bill is playing great baseball this season and in a scientific hitter. He seldom hits for extra bases, but he can place his bingles almost any place in the field.

DAVY BANROFT has almost reached the .300 class, falling just two points short. His average is .298, but judging from the way he is going it won't be long before he is with the leaders. George Whitted is going good and Bert Niehoff is batting .254.

Phils Come Back Strong After Their Day Off

THAT wallop received on Wednesday afternoon evidently did the Phils a lot of good, for they came back strong yesterday and handed Cincinnati the second trimming of the series. Eppa Rixey pitched a swell game, his pals recovered their batting and fielding eyes and the visitors were helpless. The home folks were at their best, as can be seen in the box score, which shows eleven hits for twenty bases. They made a couple of errors which netted as many runs to the foe, but they can be excused. It only shows that the Morans can make mistakes and still win.

As usual, a pair of home runs featured the combat. Circuit clubbing is one of the popular outdoor sports at Broad and Huntingdon streets, but it seems to be falling off this week. Last week nine four-basers were registered, against six up to date. There was nothing doing on Monday, but Dode Paskert came through with one to the left field bleachers on Tuesday. Alex obliged on Wednesday and Thorpe and Clarke biffed a pair on Thursday. Yesterday Cap Ludecus and Bancroft smashed home runs over the right field fence, and others are training for round trips today. Twenty-one home runs have been made in the Phils' park in the twenty-three games played. Since May 11 some one has knocked the ball out of the lot in every game but one. It is believed that the cold weather has a lot to do with the heavy hitting, as the pitchers are afraid to let themselves out and put too many balls in the groove. The majority of the hits have been real smashes and would be good for extra bases in any park. The Phils are leading the sluggers with twelve, four of them being scored by Cravath. Other home-run hitters are Bancroft, two; Ludecus, two; Niehoff, Alexander, Baskett and Adams. The visitors who have made the circuit unassisted are Killefer, New York; Holke, New York; Brief, Pittsburgh; two; Fischer, Pittsburgh; two; Hinchman, Pittsburgh; Thorpe, Cincinnati; and Clarke, Cincinnati.

JACK ADAMS quitted for the slugger's league on May 16 when he sent one of Cooper's offerings into Broad street. Adams has been playing good ball this year and the injury which laid him low yesterday will weaken the Phils considerably. With Eddie Burns suffering with a lame shoulder, the bulk of the catching will fall upon Bill Killefer. Bill, however, is going so good now that he will be kept in the game as long as he can stand up.

Governor Brumbaugh Took Proper Course in Vetoing Boxing Bill

BOXING in Pennsylvania will not be under State supervision for some time to come. Governor Brumbaugh saw to that yesterday when he vetoed the Cullin bill, which had passed both houses and was sent to the Executive for his signature. The Governor gave some sound reasons for vetoing the measure and should be commended for his action.

Theoretically, the Cullin bill, which provided a boxing commission, is a great thing. But there always is a difference between theory and practice. Politics was bound to play an important part in the selection of the boxing body, and that would be the first step toward killing the sport in this State. New York tried it, and such a scandal resulted that the boxing game will be buried on November 15 of this year. Cleveland tried a local commission, and the commissioners took themselves so seriously that it was impossible for spectators to attend without being insulted. They tried it in Minnesota and the sport was abolished. The commission in Wisconsin is more or less of a joke, and in a very short time that State, too, will put up the bars.

A commission is not needed in Pennsylvania. The city authorities have a set of rules which regulate the sport and we have had no trouble in years. Philadelphia is known as the best fight-town in the country, and the reason for that is because there have been no politicians holding down soft jobs to tamper with the bouts. Boxing is part of the sporting life of this city and is just as prominent as baseball, football or any other form of sport. The Governor was right in leaving well enough alone.

THERE is an able man in charge of boxing at present, and while he is at the helm there need be no fear of the sport falling into bad repute. We are referring to Director of Public Safety Wilson. He keeps close watch on the various clubs, and as a result there have been few scandals.

Football Managers to Select Officials in New York Today

AT THE present writing it seems as if football will be played by the colleges this fall. The Central Board on Officials will meet the managers and coaches in New York today to select officials for the important games and look over the schedules. This means that the gridiron sport will not be abandoned and President Wilson's idea will be carried out. There is no reason to call off everything, as it would show that the colleges were dependent upon a certain class to represent them on the football field. Football is a sport which can be indulged in by the majority of students in college, and because a few of the best men drop out the others should not be deprived of a chance to show what they can do.

Yale, Harvard, Penn, Princeton, Dartmouth, Pittsburgh and the other large colleges will have representatives at the meeting, and the work will be done the same as if war had not been declared. Dr. James A. Babbitt, of Philadelphia, will have charge of the meeting and will be assisted by Herbert W. Taylor, secretary of the board.

AL DEMAREE continues as the Giants' jinx. His 6-to-1 win over the McGraws A dropped the New Yorkers to third place. It was his eleventh victory over his former teammates since McGraw turned him loose. Demaree has lost only three decisions. Consistent work, we would say.

THE Braves are going none too well. The victory over the Pirates yesterday was the first win of the week, and took some excellent work on the part of managers to bring it to Stallings's crew.

GARDEN GOLF



FIELD EVENTS AT NORTHEAST HIGH

Patriotic Features to Mark Fourth Annual Meet at School Grounds June 7

MAYOR SMITH STARTER

Northeast High School will hold its fourth annual field day on Thursday, June 7, at its athletic field, Twenty-ninth and Bonner streets. In 1914 the faculty of Northeast decided to stage an exhibition drill and field exercises in order to show the Board of Education the good work that could be accomplished if it would give Northeast a gymnasium.

In order to do this Oscar Guernsey, a Northeast graduate and a physical director at Penn, offered his services. The exercises were such a success that the lot back of the school is now under construction for one of the largest "gyms" in this section. Mr. Guernsey was appointed physical director of the school, and is striving to make this year's exercises the best ever held by a school. Classes will be dismissed early on the "big day" and the students will march from the school to the athletic field, where there will be a parade of the different athletic teams in uniform and a student drill. There will be a military drill in addition by the members of the "G" class.

After the drill the field will resemble a six-ring circus, for it is planned to have basketball, baseball, soccer, cricket, tennis and track games going at the same time. The school has been divided into two sections, the Red and Black. Captains have been appointed by Physical Director Guernsey, and they are busy getting together the best material for the field.

Mayor Smith will fire the gun that will start the quarter-mile dash and at the same instant all the other games will begin. The following captains have been appointed: Track (Red), Roger (Black), Drew, basketball (Red), Bernard (Black), Lehr, soccer (Red), Hammond (Black), Muench, cricket (Red), Longtin (Black), tennis (Red), Moore (Black), Kirkland.

Braves and Cards Register

BOSTON, May 26.—Fourteen members of the Boston National League baseball club and four members of the Philadelphia Athletics club registered today for the exhibition game between the two clubs at the Philadelphia park on Monday, June 4, and will mail their certificates to the proper authorities.

SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS

By LOUIS H. JAFFE

JOHNNY KILBANE and Benny Leonard, two of Fred Webster's most dangerous contenders for the lightweight championship, will box in Philadelphia some time in June. The match has been hanging out for several weeks, and neither the scene nor date for the contest has been decided definitely. Three different syndicates, each of which was endeavoring to stage the bout in Philadelphia, started out to grab off the prize, but looks like the most interesting ring battle of the season. Now it is apparent that the different persons interested in promoting the bout will bind the battle. The featherweight champion has been holding out for some reason, but today said that Kilbane, but an intimation today said that Kilbane would be signed for the fracas in a few days. At first it was expected that the bout would be held at a local hall, but most recent reports point to the National club as the place for the match. There is no doubt that a Kilbane-Leonard mix would prove a wonderful magnet to the fans here, as both boxers really have made more money in Philadelphia than in any other city in the universe. Admission fees to be taxed for the bout is another important factor in the decision, but it is probable that precious postboards will cost from \$1 to \$10.

Carl Morris, the Oklahoma giant, never has been taken seriously. However, if he succeeds in winning from Frank Moran on June 4, following his victory over Fred Fulton, Morris will stand out as the only big man for a bout with Jim Willard, remaining to be seen, though that "tarp" would prove poor competition for the mighty Jim.

Joe Herman, the Chicago boxer who impressed local fans as being a real contender, won from Frankie Clarke, boxer Dutch Holbe, in a return contest in the near future.

Charles White, an actor of his profession, was forced to turn down the offer to referee Benny Leonard's fight with Al Britton. Billy Gibson and Harry Pollock decided to allow White to pick a man to referee, and Old Eagle Eye decided to call the proverbial "Jim" on "Big Dick."

Johnny Kilbane probably will box the winner of the bout in which Morris and Willard are scheduled to meet on Monday night in Cleveland, will be at the ring-side Monday night and make an effort to make the winner with Kilbane for Cedar Point, July 4.

Battling Letinsky boxes Wild Burt Kenny in New York tonight.

DARCY'S BODY TO BE SENT TO AUSTRALIA FOR BURIAL

MEMPHIS, Tenn., May 26.—Arrangements were made today to ship the body of Les Darcy, Australian middleweight champion, who died of pneumonia, to San Francisco, Monday, thence to Australia for burial. The fighter's mother requested this action.

JENNINGS BAFFLED IN EFFORT TO BUILD WINNING COMBINATION WITH GEORGIA PEACH AS BASIS

Three Flunks in a Row—Inability of Peppery Manager to Land Reliable Pitching Material Gummung the Game

By GRANTLAND RICE

In No Man's Land
Far to the right the big guns tell their story;
Far to the left the shrapnel hurries by;
Singing again in its song of death and glory;
When in between, the warbling gnosts drift by;
You—in the lines—still watch the vivid token
Flashed through the dusk in all its crimson glow,
But here, through the night, we hold our sleep unbroken,
Dreaming too worn to dream.

Here is "the peace that smother understanding"
The peace that we have waited through the years;
No more angry captains of the strife commanding,
Worn hosts to charge the battlement of tears;
No more the heartache of a vain endeavor,
Into the storm of bitter battle drawn;
Deep falls the night where winds come whispering, "Never—
Never another dawn."

Eight years ago Hugh Jennings was his third successive pennant. Since then Hughie has been scrambling up the hillside in vain drives. Weak pitching has more than offset the strong attack he has built around Ty Cobb each year, and now it begins to look as if Hughie was again to be halted by the same weakness.

The Tigers had a first-class chance to win in 1915, when they lagged 100 victories—usually a pennant margin. Through that season they gave the Red Sox a great battle to the last few strides of the season. At the end of the season they had won a pennant almost any other year. After this close finish the Tigers looked to have all the best of it when the Red Sox turned Al Speaker over to Cleveland. If Boston, with Speaker, could only beat Detroit three games, Boston, without Speaker, should be fairly easy prey.

The result looked to be a pipe last September, when the Red Sox, in addition to Speaker's absence, had Jack Barry when they were but one game in front, with a long road trip ahead.

There was nothing to it. The Red Sox won with greater ease on the road minus Speaker and Barry than they had won at home with these two stars in harness.

Considering these two campaigns, the odds against Tiger success are now too bulky to be considered, unless some sudden change arrives.

On any warm spring or summer afternoon from 3 to 3:30 o'clock we wonder how Hans Wagner feels about it all—whether he doesn't still imagine himself as a pitcher, or whether he is content to be an on and two needed to win—whether he doesn't still imagine himself dying or fondering headlong for a sharp smash toward the pitcher's box.

The habit of twenty years isn't easily broken, especially when that habit is fringed about with the lusty cheers of admiring fans. Al has had a million and he could buy back the old days with half this amount, we wonder whether or not he would consider the bargain cheap at the price. Baseball never more to Wagner than to Speaker, who never knew that his last base hit had been recorded must have cut in deeply, deeper than ever between 2 and 5 p. m. on some warm and woolly afternoon.

"When all three were at their best," writes Travis, "I, who was the leading pitcher, Travis, Travers or Culmer." When all three were at their best it is almost impossible to imagine anything better. Hence a "no" would be the fairest answer.

The only argument would be as to which was at his best oftenest. Along this line we would say that Travis had fewer poor putting days than any other golfer known.

BOYS IN SERVICE MAY COMPETE IN ATHLETICS

Supervisory Athletic Committee So Rules—Various Junior School Schedules Approved

At a meeting of the supervisory committee of school athletes a number of subjects of interest to junior athletes were considered, including that of participation in games of boys enlisted in the service of the Government. It was agreed that accepted boys of the high or elementary schools should be allowed to compete in games.

After a discussion of proposed changes to the rules of the committee, it was decided to defer consideration to the next meeting. The schedules of the Frankford track team and of the Germantown track and basketball teams were approved. Candidates were appointed to prepare for the athletic work in the junior high schools and in the continuation classes. A report from the Hill School indicated that the military training drills have proved satisfactory.

MRS. FOX IN WINNING GOLF TITLE FOR THE FIFTH TIME NEARS MARK HELD FOR YEARS BY MRS. BARLOW

Championship Cup Has Been Played for Since 1897, Yet Only Ten Different Names Are Engraved Across Its Face

WHEN Mrs. Caleb P. Fox ran down a putt for a four on the thirteenth green at Merion yesterday, she picked up the old scepter that had slipped from her grasp five years ago. In other words, Mrs. Fox resumed the leadership of feminine golf for the fifth time by winning the championship trophy of Miss Florence Chaddock by the score of 7 up and 3 to play in the final round of match play for the 1917 title.

Fifteen years ago the Hantsborough Valley leader's name was carved across the face of the big championship cup for the first time. Then followed a stretch of five years, when the title traveled about and four new names were added to the list of winners. In 1905 Mrs. Fox resumed her leadership, only to hand the crown over to Miss Edith Nobilit at the following championship meeting. Two years later, 1910, found the present titleholder detaching to all corners and the success-factly defended her championship claim in the next title battle. Then in 1912 Mrs. Donald H. Barlow staged a comeback by regaining the leadership that she lost one year before, and for the following four years the Stroens creek hole unpecked away over the famous golfers of these parts. Miss Mildred Caverly broke up the long term of Mrs. Barlow's winnings by taking the championship at Whitmarsh last year.

Cup Reaches Majority
The big cup that carries with it the title of women's individual championship of Philadelphia was instituted back in 1897. Twenty-one tournaments have been staged for the title and trophy, yet there are but ten individual names engraved upon the cup. Mrs. Barlow leads the list with six victories to her credit, and now Mrs. Fox has won the title for the fifth time. Miss E. C. Cassatt and Miss Frances C. Green are the only players who have won a victory. Miss Cassatt won the title in 1905 and 1909. Miss Green was playing at the top of her game the following year and won the national championship as well as the local one. Then in 1907 the Merion enter captured the crown for the second time. Miss Davis, of the Country Club, was the first player to have her name

carved on the cup. Miss Starr won the tournament in 1901. Miss T. W. Heath was able to lead the field in 1902 and the year following. Then in 1903 Mrs. Fox and Edith Nobilit came into her own by winning the championship after the greatest finish in the history of the title title. That year Miss Nobilit met Mrs. Barlow in the final round out at Springhaven. Mrs. Barlow was the two contestants stood on the sixteenth tee, then came the memorable hole. Miss Nobilit won the next three holes, securing the somewhat when her opponent crumbled under the strain. Miss Caverly completed the list of winners.

A Popular Winner
There was never a victory more popular than that of yesterday. When Miss Fox extended the congratulatory hand to Mrs. Fox on the thirteenth green, the gallery that dotted the slope from top to bottom in the Hantsborough Valley leader almost had her arm broken by the crowd of well-wishers. Mrs. Barlow rushed over and kissed the victor, and there could be no doubt as to the sincerity of the billions of congratulations that broke over Mrs. Fox. John G. Anderson, in an article written just after the national championship last year, referred to the Hantsborough Valley leader as the "beloved of golfers." The popularity of the victory yesterday would indicate that the phrase is not an exaggeration.

Miss Chandler occupied the same position last year, and then Mrs. Barlow won it. At Whitmarsh, Mrs. Marston provided the upset of the tournament by beating the title holder. Mrs. Barlow in the month's contest, and then broke bodily in the final match. On Thursday Mrs. Chandler romped home a winner over Miss Caverly, and yesterday she was far off her game.

An unusual feature of the final match for the present championship was the fact that there were no halved holes. Mrs. Chandler won three and lost ten of the thirteen holes that decided the championship.

Eleven Men of the Phils Register for the Draft

Eleven members of the Phillies, who are not holding the National League, have registered for the draft. The list of names will be in Chicago on June 3, next. The names are: Tommie Mott, Ed. Kelly, Eppa Rixey, E. C. Cassatt, Alex. D. H. Barlow, and Walter.

JACK KELLY IN AMBULANCE CORPS

Won't Quit When Turned Down for Aviation Branch for Overweight, Off for France Shortly

Jack Kelly, champion Vesper outfielder, has enlisted in the ambulance corps and will leave for France some time next month for duty on the western front.

Kelly's decision to enter the service offers a good example of American grit, patriotism and determination. It was his ambition to serve in the aviation corps, as he has a taste for flying, and he applied originally for this branch of the service. He was fairly rejected, however, on the ground of overweight.

TOM MTAGGART BANNED INDEFINITELY BY CLUB

Prominent Jockey Suspended Because of Rough Riding—Not His First Offense

NEW YORK, May 26.—Tommy Mtaggart, one of the most successful riders on the turf, has been suspended by the Jockey Club. This is not the first time this jockey has been in trouble with the authorities, having been on the ground for a long time on the ground of rough riding.

HORSE RACING IN CANADA MAY BE GIVEN REPRIEVE

OTTAWA, Ont., May 26.—A committee of horsemen had a conference with Premier Borden yesterday, and after the proposed legislation to prevent oval betting at tracks after July 1 during the period of the war had been discussed, the hope was expressed that racing will not be interfered with this season.

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