

CHICAGO AND BOSTON IN NECK-AND-NECK RACE FOR THE AMERICAN LEAGUE PENNANT

WHITE AND RED SOX IN THROES OF WINNING STREAK AS THE RACE FOR THE PENNANT NEARS CLOSE

Neither Club Has Lost a Game Since Splitting Series in Chicago—McGraw Will Be White-washed Again in New York on Wednesday

THE race for the American League pennant continues with both contenders neck and neck. They stand the same as last Wednesday night, when the White and Red Sox parted company after splitting a four-game series in Chicago.

Boston has done good work on the western invasion. In fact, the team is doing much better than was expected. All that it wanted was an even break, and it is getting more than that.

With the season now waning it becomes more and more evident that Barry is a success as a manager. He has made good. He answered his critics by keeping the team in the race from the ringing up of the curtain to the present time.

PERHAPS the hardest task that confronted the young manager was the handling of the pitching staff. By juggling his star hurlers so as to avoid killing his two best pitching bets, Barry has shown a world of ability.

McGraw Will Be Officially White-washed Next Wednesday

THE final act of the famous McGraw repudiation case will be staged in New York next Wednesday, when the moguls of the National League, aided and abetted by President Tener, will meet and hit Muggsy in the head with a sponge or some other terrible weapon.

As it has turned out, the investigation which followed McGraw's repudiation of newspaper articles which are said to have been authorized by him was nothing more nor less than a whitewashing tournament, and the scribes who were implicated defended themselves as best they could in the face of a jury that wanted the whole thing tossed out of the court.

It was a case of standing behind the scribes and taking a chance of getting in decidedly bad with the National League or turning the scribes down half-way and doing a heel and toe to one side where he would be out of the range of the big guns.

By permitting the case to drag on indefinitely the National Leaguers knew well enough that it would die down, and perhaps it was the best thing for all hands. But it has left the scribes with their ears burning, McGraw with a hunch that his station in baseball, combined with luck, is a strong enough asset to put him over any time, and the National League with a feeling that it acted very cleverly and diplomatically in the matter.

IT WAS none of the baseball public's personal business, but the public has an opinion that McGraw put one over on the scribes and the league as well, and that the league isn't nearly as dignified as it tries to be.

Craig Biddle's Playing One of the Features at Forest Hills

THOSE who witnessed the early matches in the patriotic tennis tournament at Forest Hills last week were amazed at the wonderful showing made by Craig Biddle, of Philadelphia. Biddle went through the early rounds like a real champion and was not eliminated until the end of the week—and it took two days to put him out.

One of the players whose work will always be pleasantly remembered in the tournament now nearing its end is Craig Biddle. He has played with most distinguished capability. Few Americans have enjoyed the wide experience that has been a part of the lawn tennis education of the Philadelphia. On the courts of the most famous clubs of Europe in happier days Biddle has met and competed against all of the leading players of the world.

The superior manner in which Biddle handled the fastest shots that R. Lindley Murray sent over the net was a trifling disconcerting to the California meteor, who is accustomed to having opponents flinch a bit under the fury of his burning speed. Biddle forced Murray to the limit of five sets. His match was the real battle of the fourth round, for it had none of the vacillations of the Williams and Throckmorton encounter.

Victory for Exponents of Coast Tennis

THE California style of tennis scored a decisive triumph in the national patriotic singles tournament completed at Forest Hills last Saturday. The speed and power developed on the fast courts in the West seemed to have given the representatives from the Golden West an advantage over the players in the Middle West and East.

From the start Murray swept aside opponent after opponent, not due to his brilliant tennis, but to his powerful stroke, his speed and his remarkable endurance. The fast western courts develop speed with endurance, and this combination proved unbeatable at Forest Hills. Miss Brown, national champion in 1912, 1913 and 1914, outplayed the wonderful Norse girl, and it was noticeable that Miss Brown always played better toward the end of the match and was at her best when her opponent began to show signs of fatigue.

ANOTHER iron man is among us. It is none other than Big Jim Farnham, one of Connie Mack's hurlers, who was sent to Baltimore this year for further seasoning. Jim has been going good this year, but on Saturday eclipsed his other performances. Against Rochester he pitched both games in a double-header and won them. The first was a long-winded affair and was not decided until the end of the fifteenth inning. The other was the regulation length, and both scores were 3 to 2.

FOR the first time in the history of American athletics a negro organization won a championship A. A. U. banner last Saturday at Celtic Park, Long Island. The speedy, agile and strong lads from the Salem-Crescent Athletic Club, of New York, rolled up a total of twenty-four points in the senior metropolitan championships, defeating a large field. Milrose A. A. was second with sixteen points and the Irish-American A. C. was third with fifteen. The winners had a well-balanced team and showed all-around superiority.

Ira Thomas, Take Notice

A YOUNG person named Gregory, who pitches for the Lincoln Club in the Western League, set a record for the year recently when he twirled his team to victory in a twenty-one-inning game. Gregory allowed twelve hits and gave seven errorless strikes.

IT'S funny how some of the big league pitchers hold their jobs. Take the case of Bender as an example. The Chief has no more speed than a bullet, no more curve than President Wilson and no more curves than a corkscrew. Yet he is still in the game.

WHEN A FELLER NEEDS A FRIEND



ONLY SIX GOLF TOURNAMENTS ARE LEFT FOR LOCAL PLAYERS AND FOUR OF THESE ARE WOMEN'S EVENTS

OF the Men's Events One Is Restricted to Golfers of Fifty-five Years and Over So That the Fall Promises Dull Season

By PETER PUTTER

SO FAR as the competitive season is concerned, very little is left for the Philadelphia golfer. Following the regular season, the women have not had a single event since the mixed foursomes for the Fridolin Cup at the Plumpton Country Club last June.

Lu Lu to Have Fall Tourney

The season will close with the annual fall tournament, under the auspices of the Lu Lu Temple Country Club at Edge Hill, from September 29 to 31 inclusive. While this is a nine-hole course, the tournament at Edge Hill is played on a ten-hole course.

First Play for Bumm Cup

During the week of September 6 the first annual competition for the Bumm Cup will be held at Whitemarsh. This is the first time it has ever been played for, and the cup is the largest and most expensive ever put up for competition among the women.

Philadelphia will miss the tournaments at the Cricket and Whitemarsh Clubs. Last year, for the first time, the Golf Club was restricted to players having a handicap of ten strokes or less, and in time this tournament ought to be as big a feature as the Lynwood Hall. Unfortunately, there was a handicap to permit players to enter whose handicap was in excess of ten strokes, but this did not affect the tournament, as none of them was able to qualify for the match play rounds.

Many Distance Runners

Some of the first-rate distance runners of mature age named for the races over routes are Borrow, King Neptune, Holiday, Clematis, Bromo, Roamer, St. Isadore, Wooden Shoes, Gex, Huns, Pittergold, Pennhouse, Buddy's Choice, J. J. Lillis, Judge Wingfield, Nylon, Tom McTaggart, Fountain Fay, Paddy Whack, Chiclet, Dick Williams and Uncle Bryn.

Golf for Women

ONE of the striking things in the growing popularity of the great game of golf is the ever-increasing number of ladies who may be seen playing every day at all the club and public courses.

It is obvious that a woman cannot develop a slashing, smashing game such as many men are very skillful at, but a woman's limitations are not as marked in this style of play as they are in the more manly game. If a woman player, unfortunately, believes that she cannot hope to do much in free, open swinging she never attempts to develop it and her game suffers accordingly, particularly in driving.

It is particularly natural for a woman to feel that she should use lighter clubs than a man does, and her reasoning would be true if the men used the heaviest clubs it was possible for them to swing. But they do not. They use a weight of club which, in their experience they have found effective for the purpose for which it is designed, and a woman should be governed by the same principle.

Mistake Women Golfers Make

From my observation and from discussions I have had on the subject with prominent women golfers, I believe that many women golfers make a mistake in starting the game with the idea that their play must be different from that of men. Even the clubs which a woman uses differ little from those of a man. Weight, length, etc., naturally should vary somewhat with the physical endowments of a particular player, but the main principles of golf are the same for both sexes.

HAVRE DE GRACE TO OPEN SEPT 11

Ten Stakes Are Arranged for Fall Meeting Which Ends Sept. 29

NOTED HORSES ENTERED

HAVRE DE GRACE, Md., Aug. 27.—The Harford Agricultural and Breeders' Association will inaugurate the Maryland autumn racing season for 1917 on September 11 at Havre de Grace, within an hour's ride of Philadelphia.

The meeting will be of seventeen days' duration, winding up on September 29, when the great eastern racing stables and their army of followers will make their way to the track. The meeting will be marked by the running of ten stakes of sufficient value to bring to Maryland the most representative of American and Canadian horsemen and the swiftest racers in the competition of Belmont Park and Aqueduct.

The coming meeting, indeed, promises to excel in attractiveness any that has been held at Havre de Grace in the past. New York's competition will help rather than hurt the Havre de Grace meeting. There will be no racing in Canada this coming fall, and if there were none about New York, Havre de Grace would be called upon to take care of more horses than one track. Moreover, the fields, in overnight events and stakes alike, would be too big and unwieldy for successful handling or true racing.

Ten Rich Stakes

The dates selected for the running of the ten stakes have been arranged as follows: September 11, Old Bay Handicap, three-year-olds and over, one mile and seventy yards; September 15, Trenton selling stakes, two-year-olds, five furlongs and a half; September 15, Royal Blue Handicap, three-year-olds, one mile and seventy yards; September 15, Trenton selling stakes, three-year-olds and over, six furlongs; September 20, Eastern Shore Handicap, two-year-olds, five furlongs and a half; September 22, Chesterbrook Handicap, three-year-olds and over, one mile and seventy yards; September 25, Cecil selling stakes, three-year-olds and over, one mile and seventy yards; September 26, Fox Hills Handicap, three-year-olds and over, six furlongs; September 27, Chesterbrook Handicap, three-year-olds, five furlongs and a half; September 29, Havre de Grace Handicap, three-year-olds and over, one mile and a furlong.

Four hundred nominations were made for the ten stakes when they closed earlier in the month, the Old Bay Handicap having attracted thirty-five, the Trenton forty-nine, the Royal Blue thirty-five, the Princeton forty-nine, the Eastern Shore forty-two, the Chesterbrook thirty-five, the Cecil thirty-five, the Fox Hills thirty-one, the Erdenheim thirty-five and the Havre de Grace twenty-nine.

Prominent Racing Men

Prominent among the nominators were James Carrigan, who has bought out the interest in the Wickliffe stable of his partner, Price McKimney, of Cleveland; Harry Payne Whitney, proprietor of the Brookdale stable; T. J. G. Cochrane, of New York; the Saratoga Association; W. H. V. Young, of Montreal, one of the champion three-year-old Omar Khayyam; Willis Sharpe Kilmer, owner of Sunbriar, winner of the Saratoga Special; Clifford A. Cochran, of New York; Richard F. Carman and Richard F. Carman, Jr., proprietors of the new Carmandale Stock Farm, which is in Montgomery County, Md., just outside Washington; J. S. Terry, of Washington; Congressman Maryland racing; William M. Jeffords, of Philadelphia; George Smith, proprietor of the Brighton Stables, and his brother, Thomas Smith; Archerly Backus, of Philadelphia; Grant Hugh Brown, of New York; Oscar Lewisho, G. A. Muller, Schuyler L. Parsons, president of the Coney Island Jockey Club; H. K. Knapp and Andrew Millard, of the Coney Island Club; Wm. W. J. Press, of Toronto; Joseph Barrone, J. P. Claver, William L. Oliver, W. R. Mizell, James E. Johnson, proprietor of the Quincey Stables; E. O. Bedwell, W. J. Starr and W. H. Waterson, proprietor of the Wirasol Stable.

Among the three-year-olds that have been winning distinction, East and West, that will be seen under colors in the course of the meeting are Omar Khayyam, winner of the Kentucky and Brooklyn Derbys, the Prospect Handicap and the Kenner and Travers stakes; his stable companion, the \$20,000 Westy Hogan; Rickety, winner of the City Handicap; Campfire, winner of the hogan Handicap winner and his light-footed stable mates, Straightforward and Cornstalk; King Herod, who performed the stunts at Havre de Grace in the spring; Manbitor Tol, Hyannis, Warsaw, E. H. Haro, Torchebarre, Cadillac, Priscilla Mullens, Ed Roche, Royal Quest, Harry Shannan, Marokin, Fairy Wand, Queen of the Water front, Cross, Marie Miller, Meteorite and Achilles.

DETROIT CLUB PURCHASES TWO PLAYERS FROM MINORS

DETROIT, Mich., Aug. 27.—Reb. Hall, one of the ten leading batters in the Western League, has been purchased by Detroit, according to an announcement made here today. Lou Dressen, first baseman on the St. Paul club, of the American Association, also has been bought.

DANISH A ... E VICTOR IN ENDURANCE CONTEST

CHICAGO, Aug. 27.—Christian Christensen, the Danish athlete, in a physical endurance test yesterday, consisting of five events of a mile each, rode a bicycle, ran, walked, rowed a boat and swam, all in 54 minutes and 25 seconds.

Pirates Buy Pitcher Sanders

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Aug. 27.—Roy Sanders, pitcher of the Kansas City Club, has been purchased by the Pirates. Sanders was announced as having been bought by the Pirates today.

Trotter Sparkle Sold

KUTZTOWN, Pa., Aug. 27.—Edward R. Trotter, owner of the Berkshire Park, has sold Trotter Sparkle to the Philadelphia Athletics.

Grand Circuit at Poughkeepsie

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Aug. 27.—The city's Grand Circuit race meeting will open tomorrow at the Hudson River Driving Park. Owing to the fact that the driving park is being used for the purpose of the Grand Circuit race meeting, the regular intercollegiate schedule will be played as arranged last winter, there will be special stakes laid on the work of all the men rather than of the varsity team alone. Coach Sanford wants to put every man in the big squad in readiness for military duty.

Famous Race Horse Dead

PEABODY, Mass., Aug. 27.—Kearney B., a famous race horse, died yesterday in a driving park. The driver, William Hallahan, son of the horse's owner, William Hallahan, was thrown from the sulky but was not seriously hurt. Kearney B. was brought to eastern tracks fifteen years ago and won many races, at Peabody, and established several records.

CHIEF BENDER, LAST YEAR ALL BUT DOOMED FOR THE BUSH LEAGUE, IS ONE OF THE WONDERS OF GAME

Twenty-seven Runless Innings, Three Shut-Out Games in a Row and Then a One-Hit Affair Sample of His Skill

By GRANTLAND RICE

Charles Albert Bender Long may you wave, Old Scout; One with the brave, Old Scout; Calling each bluff, Popping that fast one Through, Down to the last one Through, There with the stuff.

THE tenacity of the red man has been the subject of song and story for a good many drifting years. From Uncas on to Geronimo the Indian has been featured as a tireless runner, and the dope thereof was undoubtedly true.

In this respect Charles Albert Bender, the Chippewa Chief, is a notable illustration for later copy. The eminent Chief is not so old as years go along the calendar highway. He was born thirty-four years ago last May. But he was popping that fast one through for Connie Mack back in 1903, a matter of fourteen seasons back. And now, after having been counted out of the lists, relegated to the records of the Main Corral, he is back again, with the old repertoire intact, romping along at his fastest speed.

Bender a Wonder

The Chief is undoubtedly one of the game's wonders. He was supposed to have passed the crest and started downhill back in 1914, when he Braves drove him in out from the world series field. The year after he went over to the Feds, where he met with continued disaster. The old staff looked to be gone forever. Last season he was recalled to the major circuit, but was too far below his old form to be of any great help.

This last winter he ran across the Chief down at Pinehurst, where he was starting in a trap-shooting tournament—and waiting to hear that he had been sent to the minors. The Phillies let him go, but finally recalled him, mainly to help tutor young pitchers.

Few expected to see his name again among the winners. His best day had been too far back. The call of the wild was too strong and the lure of the warpath was too keen to be resisted. By hard work he got back into pitching condition, and then, with the blanket lifted, he reported for duty. The Chief in twenty-seven runless innings, three shut-outs in a row—and his last start this last week was a one-hit game.

If this isn't coming back with bells on and flags flying, the phrase has no meaning. Bender's Way

Bender has always ranked, and always will rank, with the smartest pitchers of the game. He had something more than a fast ball with a zip to it and a baffling curve. He had in addition a keen brain that overlooked no details and a coolness and a craft never surpassed.

Bender was cooler and calmer and more collected than any pitcher we have ever seen. In more than one close world series game we have seen him working with a cool, careless, apparently, as if it were an exhibition affair where the score was 14 to 1 in his favor.

Nothing bothered him or upset him. He had no goat to be obtained. While his repertoire was never vicious or profane, he had the knack of collecting various goats from enemy tribes, and he collected these in flocks. An Institution

The Chief has been an institution for the better part of a dozen years. He was supposed to be at his height twelve years ago, when he shut out the Giants with four hits in the only world series victory Mack's team collected. But he was back again with two more victories in 1911, despite the fact that Macky beat him 2 to 1 in the first encounter.

Bender has been one of the best all-around athletes in baseball, in addition to being a great pitcher, he could hit when the mood was on him and a blow was needed. He ranks well up among the leading trapshooters of the country, plays a first-class game of golf and is a billiard player of no light caliber.

The Lawn Tennis Tournament

The spirit of lawn tennis in these war-torn times is reaching heights below that of no other sport. It was something at the start to have nine of the first ten ranking players answer the call for service.

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Just as the battle isn't to the strong, so the ball game isn't to the base hit. The Tigers and Reds continue to lead their respective leagues at bat, but the percentage column is made up of victories, and not of runs and hits. The lusty awat still has its place in the records, but there are other minor details.

WEST BRANCH Y. M. C. A. MARATHON SWIM TODAY

Noted Swimmers Entered in Race From This City to Gloucester

The West Branch Y. M. C. A. will hold its second annual marathon swim this afternoon in the tepid waters of the Delaware River, from this city to Gloucester.

When this country entered the present international struggle, the officials of the Philadelphia Swimming Club, in honor of the occasion, decided to eliminate all the contests on its schedule. This move proved to be unpopular with the men at the Y. M. C. A. and arrangements were made to have a swim to Riverton. The New Jersey G. A. R. and Sons of Veterans are holding their encampment at Gloucester and have surrounded those in charge of the swim to have the finish at Gloucester, instead of Riverton.

Among those who are to be expected to take the water when the gun cracks in Paul V. Magee, of the Camden Y. M. C. A., who won the five-mile marathon swim Saturday on the Schuylkill River. Magee, besides winning the George Pawling trophy, made a new record for the course, breaking the old marks made in 1915 by nine minutes and seven and two-fifths seconds.

Entries have been received from Vic Philat and Ommer, two youthful cranks of West Branch; J. J. Doris, captain of the Philadelphia Swimming Club; Tomlinson, who won the Sackett cup two weeks ago at Lafayette; Clegg, another member of the Philadelphia Swimming Club and several other long-distance swimmers.

The race will end at the Buena Vista Park, Gloucester, and will be followed by an open swimming meet in the river. The West Branch Y. M. C. A. will have a 50-yard basketball, exhibition on breast, single overarm, double overarm and crawl strokes, and the affair will wind up with a game of water polo and canoe tilting.

Bingles and Bungles

Patrick O'Reilly

Old Patrick O'Reilly was spoken of nobly because he was the best of the lot. But on a fast grounds O'Reilly would founder, for he was both lazy and fat.

With runners on bases 'twas cases and oops

And still he was clever—they say, that he never And booter his sock check at all.

In the Spotlight—JEANUS HAGEN. He won his twentieth game when he defeated Washington.

Tris Speaker just ground in the batting race. He went without a hit.

Reb Russell won for the White Sox, but Chicaoro didn't gain a hair on White Sox.

Getting a long lead on the Red Sox is just as easy as throwing the Knicker out of France.

The Phillies are trying to gum up the parade for the Giants. They are only nine games behind.

The Browns have made Connie Mack a present of last place.

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