

JASPER OPENS HOME SEASON TONIGHT WITH READING-O'DOWD WINS TITLE FROM M'CO

ATHLETES ARE AT THE TOP OF THEIR SEVERAL GAMES AT 25 AND 26, AND HERE ARE STATISTICS TO PROVE IT

Christy Mathewson, Ty Cobb and Eddie Collins Are Three Who Were at Their Best at That Age, With Speaker Older

By GRANTLAND RICE The Great Why Is It?

I'm a golfer—and a southpaw—though perhaps you will insist that in making such a statement I am giving Truth a twist; But forget that feature of it—tell me why the wreath of Fame Still awaits the lonely southpaw in this grand old Scottish game.

Look at tennis and at baseball—note the names that lead the rest— You will find left-handed entries there upon the very crest; But the golfer who's a southpaw never figures in the dope, He's an outcast and a duffer and a dub bereft of hope.

Now, don't tell us to "change over"—that is every pro's advice, And not worthy of a stanza from the pen of Dr. Rice; But some day when you're not busy search the records for the name Of a good left-handed golfer who can really play the game.

A. H. PECK.

Though the run of most left-handers has a record something fierce, One of those who once stopped Evans was a southpaw known as Pearce.

THE inability of left-handed golfers to average up is a freak turn, to put it mildly.

Look at baseball—Cobb, Speaker, Collins, Jackson, Baker, Crawford, Roush, Kider—virtually all of the headline hitters operate from a southern port.

Yet golf has no left-handed professional that we ever heard of and no left-handed good enough to even figure close to a championship turn. Just why this bizarre circumstance should be has never been explained, despite the large number of words spilled afloat the discussion.

About the Same

An army statistician has discovered, after interviewing various military chiefs, that the best soldier goes a round twenty-five or twenty-six. This age has been found to average better than a younger or an older span, despite various exceptions of note.

The same statistics cover baseball. If you care to examine the record you will find that the most effective age is precisely the same. Ty Cobb, around twenty-five and twenty-six worked his way above .400. So did Joe Jackson.

Christy Mathewson at this age had just come to his top form. He was twenty-five when he won three world series shutouts, back in 1905.

Cobb was just twenty-six when he batted .426. He has never been over .400 since. Speaker found his best year above .300. But Tris was an exception. Eddie Collins was just twenty-five when he finished above .365, his highest mark.

Twenty-six is apparently the most effective athletic age for any game that depends on stamina, speed and skill.

A football team made up of men twenty-

PENN PLANS TO SURPRISE YOST

Red and Blue Has New Attack to Spring on Michigan

SECRET PRACTICE HELD

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

Penn has gone back to fundamental football in preparation for the Michigan game next Saturday. The varsity players are drilled in the art of carrying the ball, falling on it and tackling. No scrimmage is indulged in because no risks can be taken with the men, but the work is strenuous enough to keep them in shape.

It is possible that an entirely new attack will be sprung on the Wolverines. Just what it will be no one knows because the practice this week is so tightly secretive. Guards at the door scrutinize every visitor and unless the proper credentials are produced, the bars are put up.

The linemen are improving daily under the coaching of Doctor Wharton and Hunter Scarlett and Dutch Soumerai, teaching the men what is known as "intensive football." Scarlett takes the ends to one side and explains all of the details of the position, what they should do on certain plays and what they shouldn't do on others.

With the light squad and limited number of substitutes, Polwell is forced to work cautiously with the men this week. They were in good shape for the Dartmouth game, and the task now is to keep them in top form without any of them going stale.

Howard Berry still is suffering from a bruised side and some of the linemen are stiff and sore, but they are expected to be in shape by Saturday.

Today only light signal drill will be held. The men appeared on the field early and rehearsed the new plays for Saturday. Bert Hill ran the team from quarterback and Straus, Light and Berry were the backs.

Brief Amateur Notes

The East Side A. A. well-known basketball team of Camden, is looking across for the season. The team is composed of players with the Eastern League. They are looking for a good team to play in Philadelphia, Camden, Reading or Trenton.

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The Randolph A. A. Juniors, a fast 45-pound basketball team, desire to meet any team in Philadelphia, Camden, Reading or Trenton.



STRUPPER, OF GEORGIA TECH This famous halfback is responsible to a great extent for the brilliant showing of the southerners this year.

PRINCETON "INFORMALS" END SEASON SATURDAY

PRINCETON, N. J., Nov. 15.—Princeton's "informal" football season will close in the Princeton stadium Saturday, when the Tigers will meet an eleven from Wisconsin Barracks, Cape May, N. J.

The only other game played this year by the Tigers was with the 307th Field Artillery of Camp Dix.

HIGH SCHOOL OFFICIALS DISCUSS NEEDED RULINGS

At a meeting of the supervisory committee on public high school athletics held in the office of the Board of Education yesterday several important motions were passed on.

The discussion on the practice of "slipping" from behind in football was a long one, but finally met the approval of those present and was referred to the football rule committee. The subject, which was started by Coach Phil Lewis of the Germantown High School, has long been in need of attention and will doubtless be changed some time in the near future.

An announcement was also made by Mr. Garber that six girls' high schools in Philadelphia and also the normal school would hereafter have a representative on the supervisory committee.

Notes of the Bowlers

In Sellers' inaugural matches on Casino alley last night two tie games featured. Ted Brown, of the Reds, secured 291 in his third game. Columbia managed to win two games from the Whites, breaking scores of 175, 171 and 180.

Petroleum matches resulted in Texas beating out three games. Union winning two from Atlanta and Sun capturing three from Newark. Lovick Michener, of Sun, got a 208 tally in his third contest.

St. Louis won the odd game in three from Philadelphia. In the regular weekly Knights of Columbus matches on Costa's alley, Brown, of the Reds, secured 291 in his third game.

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"Whitey Moran" well known locally, totaled 1504 in seven games on his home table, Hoboken, N. J., against Charles Oberholzer in a round robin. Moran averaged 227.57.

In the Artisan League races, Barran secured first place in section 4 by defeating Oak Lane No. 1 team in three games last night. Although won three from Liberty and North-easters won two from Underdown. Wilbur, of Underdown, totaled 214 in his final game.

In section B, Union won two from Oak Lane No. 1 and North-easters No. 2 team won three from Liberty and a fourth from North-easters. Green, of North-easters, was the only bowler to reach double century figure in a game. Hughes totaled 254 in three games.

In section C, Girard and Oak Lane won three games each from North-easters No. 3 and North-easters No. 4. Girard won two from North-easters No. 5 and Oak Lane No. 2 beat William Patton squad twice.

GERMANTOWN HIGH HAS CHANCE TO JUMP INTO TIE FOR FIRST PLACE IN SCHOLASTIC LEAGUE

Victory for Clivedens Over Southern Will Tie Them With Central, West Phila., Northeast and South Phila. for Leading Honors

By PAUL PREP

COACH LEWIS and his proteges have a chance to further upset the scholastic world this afternoon, when they clash with Coach Dean Johnson's South Philadelphia High School team, in an Intercollegiate Football League match, on the Northeast High School's athletic field, Twenty-ninth street and Indiana avenue. A victory for the Germantown aggregation will send the skyward into a tie with Central High, South Philadelphia High, West Philadelphia High and Northeast High, and muss up the standing so much that the local king of the fall sport would hardly be determined in the regular league season.

Several weeks ago the game between South Philadelphia's representatives and the wearers of the green and white would not have caused the least particle of excitement among the Philadelphia schoolboys. But "Oh, how she has changed." By reason of its most surprising victory over the strong Central High School team, on Houston field, last Friday, the Cliveden institution sprang before the schoolboy spotlight overnight. At the present time the Germantown squad is regarded as the dark horse in the race for the championship of the city.

The game today is the first Thursday afternoon contest of the interscholastic season. The game was originally scheduled for tomorrow, with the South Philadelphia school having the honor of staging this most important match. But as neither the downtown Red and Black nor the Green and White wearers could boast of an athletic field, the only thing the authorities could do was to play it on one of the other team's grids. Houston Field already was engaged for Friday and Saturday, while Northeast's field was to be the scene of the Northeast-Frankford game tomorrow. It was then decided to play the contest today on Northeast Field.

Germantown and South Philadelphia have never met on the gridiron, and as a result each school is more than anxious to win the initial football contest and get the jump for the future games. Through a misunderstanding, the managers of the teams failed to arrange a game last year. With memories of the fiercely contested contests on the diamond, cinder path and in the cage, the men selected by the coaches are determined to uphold their school colors.

The championship South Philadelphia eleven has been playing smooth ball throughout the season and a victory for the Red and Black would not be a surprise. On the other side it is difficult to say what brand of the game the Germantown team will play. Some claim that its victory last week was just a fluke, which, together with the theory that the Mirrors were overconfident and had an off day, was the only thing that saved Germantown from dropping its third straight Gimbel Cup game. Whatever was the cause, the victory has worked wonders with the suburban team. It will enter today's contest knowing that South Philadelphia fell before the same Central team which suffered defeat last Friday.

One of the largest gatherings of the season is expected to file through the Northeast turnstile. The game this afternoon is the only one scheduled, and with the other teams through practice for the week, many of the members and coaches of the other contestants for the Gimbel Cup will be among the spectators when the pliskin is sent on its initial flight.

Brown Crumples Camp Devens Team

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Nov. 15.—Brown won an easy victory over the soldiers from Camp Devens by 40 to 0 yesterday. At no time were the engineers of the 301st Regiment dangerous. Their massed attack crumbled before the Brown line, and their aerial formations were easily broken up. The visitors made only two first downs.

HOW TO PLAY GOLF

IN THE national semifinals at Apawamis in 1911 I was 3 up on Fred Herreshof at the end of the morning round, and as Hilton was on the other side, I let my tension go that noon, for, having defeated Fred rather easily in the Nationals at Brookline the previous year, I made the deplorable mistake of holding him too cheaply. I do not think I have ever seen a more magnificent round of golf than he played that afternoon with the rain coming down in torrents. The pace was too swift for me, and again my hopes of a national title went glimmering.

In 1912 there was another bitter lesson when I lost to Travers in the finals of the National after a whole week of excellent golf. I was one up at noon, and I should have been more. Among the many lessons that match was that once made, a shot should be forgotten. That noon I saw hole after hole where Travers got lucky halves—the under-dry course leading itself to freakish rolls. A good golfer should be able to ignore, not only these happenings, but the presence of many friends whose evident desire is to have him win is a detriment to his game.

Two hundred times, at least, that season I had played the ninth hole, and never once until that important day had I landed in the pond. I let a pulled back shot go for the fourth in the afternoon worry me; it should have been out of bounds, but kicked in. And I let many other things, unimportant in themselves, worry me.

Caddie Cost Him Championship. In 1913, it was impressed virtually upon my consciousness that a golfer should not carry three or four putters; also that if your caddie happens to be hit by your opponent's ball you lose the hole, and that hole may mean a championship.

In 1914, at Elkton, I learned that a man need not be discouraged when beaten in the first round, for whether the critics know it or not, the real golfer knows when he has caught a man at the top of his game and is himself a bit off. It is not the round in which you are beaten, but the score of your opponent which reflects credit or discredit upon you. I am loath to say that match that because your opponent has put his long mashie shot up near the hole is no reason why you can't do the same. His good work should spur you to greater effort. Furthermore, when you are all square and one to go use your own judgment and ignore the casual advice of the gallery. It is possible to play safe on the ditch and still unusual ground conditions might send you in.

In 1915, at Detroit, Ned Sawyer beat me for the first time in a big championship. A 71-72, with the tee plates back and the pins in difficult positions, was too much for me, but its real significance at the time was that it marked two defeats in the first round of the national championship in two succeeding years. It looked bad; but, and this is the thought the ambitious golfer should cherish, it was merely "the darkest hour before the dawn."

High Praise for Merion That Merion final, played in the shining light of the open title, on the most scientifically difficult course on which the national championship had ever been played in America, was worth waiting for. That course showed up pitifully the weaknesses of many a celebrated game and, no doubt, deterred many players who knew their own weaknesses from entering. I had earned every step of the upward way. From the very beginning I had tried to build up a game based upon sound principles.

And that is what I hope for my readers—a sound game, with a very little good luck thrown in.

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JASPER TO OPEN CAGE SEASON AT HOME TONIGHT WITH READING; WENDLER, OF VISITORS, IS A STAR

Camden Fans Witness First Home Game When Skeeters Are Walloped by De Neri Before Big Crowd by 39 to 30

Table with Eastern League standings: W, L, P.C. Trenton... 2 0 1.000 De Neri... 2 1 .667 Jasper... 1 0 1.000 Reading... 1 1 .500 Camden... 0 2 .000

SCHEDULE FOR WEEK Tonight—Reading at Trenton. Saturday—Trenton at De Neri, Greystock at Reading.

BASKETBALL for the season of 1917-18 will be inaugurated in Kensington this evening, and all eyes are trained upon Nonpareil Hall, Kensington avenue and Ontario street, where Jasper plays Reading. There are more reasons than one why the opening game uptown is being watched with care. There is a deep concern as to the interest that will be manifest in the cage sport, and Jasper is the last team to open the home season.

A fine crowd was in attendance at Camden last night, and if Jasper draws a good audience those who have the sport at heart will feel that the season is due to be a prosperous one. As far as Jasper is concerned, many of the Jewels' such rooters were taken in the draft, and at Camp Meade on Sunday Manager Bill Kennedy was hailed time and again with inquiries from dyed-in-the-wool rooters who sought information on the line-up, and all said they would miss the games.

There will be no opening ceremonies or hand concert such as was given at Camden last evening, but the Jewels will show the fans basketball and the uptown rooters will be satisfied if Judge Glenn consents to toss your own ball and "Whitey" Mallen will refer to his first game.

Bears Look Good The home club will present the same line-up that humbled the Greys, namely, Dark and Norman, forwards; Moorehead, center, and White and Leonard, guards. The out-of-towners on the Jewels' payroll are the only members of the team in shape, Dark, Moorehead and White being sadly out of condition. It is for this reason they are being held out of the line-up.

The men are unfamiliar with each other, but should work together well with the playing of a few games.

The visitors have in their line-up the "amateur" sensation of the season so far in "Bud" Wendler. In the two games in which this youngster has participated he has scored seven field goals and is second in individual scoring, only being surpassed by Maurice Tome, the tall Trenton center, who has eight to his credit. Posey, another new comer in the Bears' line-up, is an old favorite at Nonpareil Hall, as are George Haggerty, George Morris and Andy Sears.

Players Should Observe Rules Now that the Eastern League has virtually removed the ban on players participating in outside games, they should be careful to adhere to the rules set down prohibiting their playing in certain territory. President Scheffer himself presented the matter to the board of managers, and newcomers and

veterans are treated alike in the order, which simply is that an Eastern League player cannot take part in any other game in Philadelphia, Camden, Reading or Trenton, and that he must not play in the Pennsylvania State League.

The managers were all agreed to this and should live up to the order. If a player is found guilty of breaking the rule he will be fined. Heretofore said fine has been paid by his club, but all such things are a quiet tip to all. A word to the wise is sufficient, as offenders will be caught, assumed name or not.

With the basketball season only two weeks old, the often-maligned and down-trodden De Neri handed the Camdens a nifty 39-30 lacing on the home floor last evening before a big crowd. Spectators sat in amazement and watched the visitors play rings around their hosts. One game does not make a season, but judging by the performance De Neri will not grace the end of the percentage table this year.

The Musical Fund Hall boys possessed everything and weapons together like a crowd of veterans. They landed a total of fifteen field goals, as against ten for Camden. The outstanding heroes in the victory were Muller and Powell. The field goals went to Muller 5, Powell 4, Beckman 3, Dreyfuss 3, Brown 4, Steele 3, Engle 2, Kilpatrick 1. The Skeeters gave a most wretched exhibition of how not to lose.

De Neri concluded the period with a hand of eight. It was a case of goal, goal, goal, goal, goal, six in a row, three going to Muller, two to Powell and one to Becky. When it was over the victors were ahead at 23 to 8. Two baskets in rapid succession, one by Kilpatrick, the other by Brown, roused Camden's expectations, but Powell and Muller concluded the period with two-timers, and the score was 27 to 13.

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