

ONE CASUAL EXCEPTION, CONNIE MACK IS ALL PRIMED AND READY FOR THE FRA...
CONNIE BUYS 22 NEW UNIFORMS FOR 1918 SEASON; ALL HE NEEDS NOW IS A FEW BALL PLAYERS

Connie Mack is ready for the opening of the 1918 baseball season. He has a load of bats and balls, catchers' gloves and fielders' mitts, baseball suits; in fact, everything necessary for a regular ball club, except players. As soon as he gets the proper persons to wear the gloves and suits everything will be serene at Shibe Park.

Last Friday Connie found time lying heavily on his hands and children gazed on the high price of living and running ball clubs. He looked over some samples of cloth for baseball suits and ordered twenty-two of them. This fact is important because it shows that Connie is sticking to his original idea in regard to the number of men to be taken South this year. Twenty-two is the number and the uniforms prove it.

Connie is working hard these days, but he is not worrying himself to death over the prospect of getting together a new team. He says he never has felt better in his life. He will have something to announce in a month or so, he says, and until that time the policy of silence will prevail.

It has been learned, however, that the Athletics and their companions in joy and sorrow—the Pirates—will have a long slice of training in Jacksonville. They will remain in the Florida metropolis until April 5 and then journey northward, playing exhibition games en route. The schedule has not yet been arranged, but it is said that the last game will be played on April 12.

WITH six or seven members of the Red Sox as a nucleus and a flock of "unknowns" coming in, Connie should not have such a bad club this year. At any rate, he has aroused the curiosity of the fans and the guessers are working overtime.

Mack Will Have a Hard Time Developing His Team
HENRY P. EDWARDS, the baseball expert on the Cleveland Plain Dealer, believes that Connie will have his troubles when the season starts. He says the loss of his chief lieutenants will be felt, especially when the new men are taken in hand. Mr. Edwards writes as follows:

"For ten years Connie Mack has had on his roster a corps of lieutenants who could aid in the development of youngsters. Possibly it was through their assistance he was able to build up such a formidable machine, one that was not broken up until 1915.

"He had three wise pitchers in Chief Bender, Jack Coombs and Eddie Plank, three hurlers who were willing to come out in the morning and teach the recruits. He had Ira Thomas, a smart catcher and a thirty-third degree jolliter to coach pitchers and catchers. He had Harry Davis, who was popular with all baseball men, as his first lieutenant. While Harry Davis did not have any success in managing the Naps in 1912, he was an able aid to Mack.

"But now Connie has none of the old guard remaining. He let Bender, Coombs and Plank get away in a hunch. Ira Thomas for two or three years has been coaching Williams College ball players and attending to his own private affairs. And now Harry Davis, the last of his assistants, quits the game 'for good,' he says, which means developing a new set of pennant chasers will not be any easier for Mr. Mack this year."

IT MUST be remembered, however, that Connie still has Ira Thomas to fall back on. Ira is coach of the Williams baseball team and after the college season ends will be on the job at Shibe Park. He can look after the youngsters and also take a few trips into the brush in search of new talent.

Rickey Grabs Keystone Collegians
BRANCH RICKEY, the high-browed head of the St. Louis Cardinals, either is a cheery guy, with insinuating ways, or else the baseball managers and owners in this neck of the woods are asleep or have changed their attitudes to the merit of the campus diamond product. In any event, the former Ann Arbor student and baseball coach has grabbed the cream of the Keystone college boxmen in Langdon, of Pitt, and Trembley, of Lehigh, and, in addition, has secured a contract from Heatsheite, a Penn State athlete with a peevish record.

Rickey's success in lassoing these players from under the noses of nearby managers may be due chiefly to the fact that college players prefer to perform with a team headed by a collegian. The cases of Sisler and Lavan are in point. The former, in particular, must have been in great demand by big league teams, and it is not at all likely that the game's most versatile star was procured, and go play on a poor team at that, on a basis of bidding. Hence, it is to be assumed that like considerations entered into the securing of the signatures of the Pennsylvania collegians. And no doubt the successful development of the two Michigan stars has impelled the present head of the Cardinals to introduce into the Cardinals' upbuilding plan the principal of favoring college talent.

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THE policy of the St. Louis Nationals at least will not be based upon the idea that the veteran players should be given the preference during wartime as a means of avoiding taking long chances and of guaranteeing a reasonably fair article of play.

Wegman Counts on Three Pitchers Winning 90 Games
MAGNATE WEGHMAN, of the Cubs, is credited with having a large purse, but he has a larger optimism if reports credited to him are true. He is said to have announced his expectation of Alexander, Vaughn and Douglas coming through the coming season with thirty games each. A glance at the records does not sustain the optimism of the Cub spendthrift at all, for pitchers winning thirty or more games per season are so rare that they can be set aside in a dimutive hall of fame that is not at all crowded. And the fact that only once in history have two pitchers on the same club accomplished the feat and three never is further evidence of the over-optimistic nature of the lunch millionaire.

Should Alexander win thirty games in 1918 he will stand alone as the only pitcher who has been able to score thirty victories in four consecutive seasons, and he will share with Mathewson and Cy Young the honors of having been the only pitchers who have won thirty victories in four years during their careers.

IF JIM VAUGHN can score thirty victories he will be the first southpaw to turn the trick since 1896, when Frank Killen won thirty victories for Pittsburgh.

Great Southpaws Have Failed to Show
SINCE that day there have been some great southpaws, but such pitchers as Tule Waddell, Eddie Plank, Jess Tannehill, Nap Hucker and "Rube" Marquard never have been able to get thirty wins over in a season. Should Alexander and Vaughn manage to win their thirty games and Douglas come through with thirty more it will be the first time in the history of baseball that more than two pitchers on the same club have turned in thirty victories in a season. This was in 1903 and 1904, when Mathewson and McGinnity, of the Giants, each won thirty games per season. During the last twenty seasons only ten pitchers have entered the class. Charley Nichols broke in in 1898, Cy Young in 1901 and 1902, after he had won thirty games a season in 1895 and 1896; Mathewson turned the trick in 1903, 1904, 1905 and 1906; Joe McGinnity in 1903 and 1904, Jack Chesbro in 1904, Ed Walsh in 1908, Jack Coombs in 1910, Joe Wood in 1912, Walter Johnson in 1913 and Alexander in 1915, 1916 and 1917.

WHEN one considers that such a great boxman as Walter Johnson could turn the trick only once, it looks as though Tyler and some of the other Cub pitchers will have to help get those thirty games.

Tyler Beat Every Team but Phils Last Year
GEORGE STALLINGS had two pitchers last season who were able to beat everybody—Artie Nehf and Dick Rudolph. George Tyler failed in a win against the Phillies, but he probably would have done so if not been for J. Albert Niehoff.

Niehoff in the third inning of the fracas of July 5 nearly knocked Tyler left hand off with a fast grounder, the Derry agriculturist going to clubhouse for repairs and Artie Nehf being called on to continue the task of beating the Phils away from the plate—a task he performed with much flourish on July 7, the Morans hadn't been whitewashed.

SOMEBODY IS ALWAYS TAKING THE JOY OUT OF LIFE



HIGH SCHOOL CAGE PLAY POSTPONED

Arrangement of Classes Causes Delay in Basketball Schedule

SOUTHERN VS. PEDAGOGY

By PAUL PREP
The Public High School Basketball League will not resume activities this afternoon. Two games were scheduled, but they have been called off.

Central High was scheduled to meet the fast-going Germantown High squad, but one more the shortage of feet has caused a postponement. The Philadelphia Trade School quarter was Wednesday afternoon, but the school buildings are closed, and classes are held in a grammar school in the morning. This arrangement of classes, therefore, has caused the game to be postponed until a further date.

South Philadelphia will play Pedagogues this afternoon, the result of which will not have a bearing on the team standing. This contest will give Conny Kerr, of Southern, an opportunity to watch how his youngsters play against a strong team. Governor, the regular guard last year, has failed to raise his qualifications, and he has been declared ineligible, has passed his examinations successfully and will take his regular position.

While the school teams were held tight this morning, the conclusion of varsity men, several of the squads received welcome additions. O'Brien, veteran forward of Northeast and who held the regular position, and who has been declared ineligible, has passed his examinations successfully and will take his regular position.

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ST. COLUMBA WINS BY RECORD SCORE

Saints Tally 50 Points Against Smaller Opponents

JIMMY BROWN STARS

Using the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium as the medium, Manager Jim Coffey's St. Columba boys stopped a game nearer clinching the American Basketball League championship last night at Traymore Hall. The final score was 50 to 21.

The final score was 50 to 21, which establishes a new high-scoring mark for the season. The previous record was made by Beth Israel several weeks ago when they tallied 48 credits. Jimmy Brown and Tom Dunleavy gave a splendid exhibition of field goal shooting, the pair dropping thirteen two-pointers through the net, the former "Canden star" getting eight, which ties his own high individual scoring mark.

Although the Y. M. C. A. team, as the score indicates, was badly beaten, it was not without reason. The Saints had the advantage of height, weight and last, but not least, experience. Sam Monroville stood at least sixteen inches above the field, his rival, while Moecky Bunnin was pitted against Tom Dunleavy, who had an advantage of more than a foot in height and reach.

The same was true of Babe Cashman and Lew Schneiderman. As a result, the Y. M. C. A. boys were on the defensive from the top-off. During the entire contest Gottlieb was the only member of the losing team to get the advantage of the top-off, and this only on one occasion.

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TILLMAN'S QUEST FOR LEARNING GETS SETBACK WHEN TED LEWIS SHOWS HIM WALLOP ON CHIN

Johnny Wanted to Use Punch on Welter Champion, but Tried It Himself When Ted Declined to Oblige in Draw at Olympia

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

JOHNNY TILLMAN is a very inquisitive person. He is anxious to broaden his scope of knowledge and grasp every opportunity to improve his education. Nothing escapes him and some of his personal research work is wonderful to behold.

Last night at the Olympia A. A. he set in his corner while Murgus Taylor, his intrepid manager, poured words of wisdom in his restricted ear. "Now listen," cried Murgus, as he stood a veteran sponge between Johnny's crimsoned teeth. "This fight ain't anything to be worried about because all you have to do is to go out, bang a right-hand smush on Lewis' chin and it will be all over. This ain't bum dope or nothin' like that. Slip him the wallop on the whiskers and we'll all be home."

Johnny struggled away from the sponge and nodded his head. He knew it was good advice and when the bell changed went out to try it out. There was only one thing which interfered with his success, however, and that was Ted Kid Lewis, waterweight champion of the world. The Kid simply refused to be whaloped on the chin and Johnny felt sad and disheartened. He returned to his corner, received another jab and decided to try again.

"This must be the proper dope or Murgus wouldn't spill it to me," he muttered as he left by a roundhouse swing aimed at Lewis' jaw, but hit nothing but Pop O'Brien. "I want to try it out or something, but this guy ain't ought to be anything. I gotta see him it works or my entire evening will be spoiled."

But Ted's jaw was as easy to catch as a bus on the U. S. R. P. when business is dull. Bound after round sped by and Johnny felt that his education was being neglected. In the sixth round he adopted different tactics. He just HAD to find out the effect of a hit on the jaw, and as Lewis refused to oblige, there was nothing else to do but try it out on himself. Therefore, he struck out his face and Lewis let one go from the floor.

"CRASH!" The blow hit the billows and Johnny hit the floor. The effectiveness of the punch had been demonstrated and he was satisfied, regardless of the fact that he had received it with reverse English.

There was a surprised look on Tillman's face as he flopped to the canvas, but he was up in an instant, fighting harder than ever. Had he curbed his curiosity a trifle, he would have carried the decision. As it was, he had to get a draw. That punch on the whiskers evened things up for the welter champ.

Tillman is an in-and-out fighter, and last night he was in. He started out in a neck-and-neck, close battle, and it was in his face most of the time. The local boy's awkward style also bewildered Lewis. Lewis' eyes were wide open, and he was smiling, cheering on our left while admitting that he was in a tight spot. Lewis came back and grabbed the second, evening things up. When the sixth opened, however, Tillman was the better of the argument, but he just had to stick out his jaw and get in bad.

Perhaps Lewis was taking things easy and perhaps again he wasn't. At any rate, he was up against a tough boy, and his reported overness probably was lost in a snowstorm or left in New York. Johnny carried the fight to him and deserved a win, and when he showed it, Tillman was the better of the argument, but he just had to stick out his jaw and get in bad.

The semi-weekly was an exciting as a neck-and-neck, close battle, and at Nelson in some way or other managed to win from Danny Favers. No one knows how. A manager to pulling over the victory, and chances are that Al doesn't know himself. But he earned the decision.

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HOST OF FRIENDS AT JOHN L'S BIER

Admirers Take Last Look at Popular Old Gladiator Lying in State

T. R. TO MISS FUNERAL

BOSTON, Feb. 5. To a manly and cheerful, with wreaths of flowers almost completely hiding his last couch, the body of John L. Sullivan lay in state today at the home of his sister, Mrs. Annie E. Leamon.

A steady stream of men, women and children gathered at the home of his sister, Mrs. Annie E. Leamon, to pay their last respects to the old gladiator until a late hour last night. More were present early today.

Sullivan was dressed in a full-dress suit. On the listening balcony of the upper there was a silver manatee bearing only the inscription: "John L. Sullivan."

Only a few of the men at first selected have been able to attend as pallbearers and honorary pallbearers. John D. Rose, well known to be one of the latter, was forced to decline. He sent a message from his home in Oyster Bay, N. Y., to the effect that he was unable to attend.

James J. Corbett, the man who wrested the heavyweight title from Sullivan; Billy Muldoon, famous as a trainer; former Mayor Curley, of Boston; and J. Murray, Police Captain James P. Sullivan and other local celebrities.

Funeral to Be Well Attended
The Rev. Peter C. Quinn will officiate at the funeral services. Hundreds of men prominent in the sporting world and representatives of temperance societies and others from far and wide are expected that they would be present at the funeral.

It was hoped that the Rev. William A. Sunday, the evangelist, who declared that John L. won his greatest battles in "grave knock" and "back-knock," would attend the funeral.

John L. Sullivan, the pugilist, who tallied seventy-two rounds with Sullivan in the old days, is also expected to be here.

Plan Big Memorial
Plans for a memorial for the dead gladiator were being considered. But no decision as to the nature was reached. Arthur W. Covert, of New York, who has been in a view of having the body of Sullivan be placed at Madison Square Garden or Carnegie Hall, but this was opposed by Sullivan's sister, as well as by C. W. Bowley, attorney and confidential advisor of Sullivan, who has charge of the funeral arrangements.

Mac's Finerity
Mac Finerity, one of Sullivan's old cronies, told at the Lennon home of Joe John L. prepared for the seventy-two round bout with Kieran at Richmond, Miss. Finerity said that Sullivan had been in for several weeks with typhoid fever when he received the challenge. He was in a very bad condition, but he went to Canada to plan the agreement for the bout.

How John L. Trained
Later on reaching his training quarters Sullivan was able to get about with a cane. Finally his leg became stronger, and he was in a position to fight when he entered the ring at Richmond, Miss. Nevertheless he went seventy-two rounds and was acclaimed the victor.

Contrary to popular impression Sullivan did not leave much of an estate. Although he had received a fortune in the ring and later in theatrical ventures, his friends said that the substantial part consisted only of his farm at Abington and a few securities.

"IZZY" HOFFMAN STARS AT TRAPS

Wins Fort Side Inn Club's Event With Score of 24

STATE SHOOT FEB. 22

"Izy" Hoffman, the local ballplayer who shot, won the Fort Side Inn Club's weekly white flint shoot yesterday at Whitehart, securing a score of 24 in the main event of 25 pigeons.

Hoffman gave a grand exhibition of marksmanship in bagging all but one of his program of feathered targets, for the sun reflecting on the snow-covered grounds made the shooting very difficult. The Philly gunner collected twenty straight birds before he finished. His twenty-first pigeon, an incomer, although hit hard, managed to drop over the boundary line by six inches and spoiled Hoffman's chances for a perfect score.

C. B. Pratt, another local marksman, came in for second place, trailing Hoffman by a single bird. Pratt's inability to bag his twenty-fourth duffer cost him a chance of tying the ballplayers' gunner for the top honors. Billy Clegg and Earl McElrath divided third money with twenty-one hits. Clegg is the present Pennsylvania State live-bird champion, but in yesterday's matches had trouble with his gun, and this might be the reason for his low score.

Local gunners are getting themselves ready for the annual Pennsylvania State championship shoot at Harrisburg on February 22. Washington's Birding Club the event calls for twenty pigeons per man, sliding handicap to govern. The winner will be given a silver cup, emblematic of the Keystone State championship.

William Clegg, of this city, is the present titleholder. The cup is placed up again for competition and Clegg will be right on the job, for he has high hopes of winning it again. The big shoot will be held under the auspices of the Harrisburg Sportsmen's Association.

SPORTS SERVED SHORT
L. B. Waldner, of Wilmeth, Pa., president of the Western Lawn Tennis Association, has been recommended for re-election by the nominating committee.

Mrs. Dorothy Campbell Hard played six holes out and six come in on the 100-yard course today at Pinehill in 22 and tied for third in the silver balls selected Mrs. J. J. Ross, with 50 net.

Jack "King" Crooks, veteran second baseman of Brooklyn, in a twelve-round bout at Boston last night and received the referee's decision.

Johnny Wolcott, of Lancaster, won first honors in his bout with Jack Ritchey at Lehigh Valley. Wolcott was victorious, but Wolcott's aggressiveness earned him the decision.

Tommy Hobson was too much for Walter Mohr, of Brooklyn, in a twelve-round bout at Boston last night and received the referee's decision.

When Miss Mary K. Browne, three times national woman's champion, moved up her duties as letter of the Venice Branch of the U. S. Golf Association, she announced that she has given up playing golf.

Alfred De Oro, world's champion at three-cushion billiards, and Arthur Kitchener, world's champion at five-cushion billiards, are scheduled to play a match in Philadelphia on Feb. 12, starting tonight.

Durand defeated Ohio State by 50 to 32 in a western conference basketball game.

The Hagerstown Ministerial Association passed resolutions yesterday basing on Harry Sprague, secretary of the Yankees, left for Florida in search of health. Miller, who moved into the clubhouse, cleaned offices and will do duty behind a position until the new season when he will start with the batting team for Slucon, Pa., to train.

READY FOR THE FRA... THE OLD PUNCH THAT WILL KNOCK OUT THE HUN AND MAKE ENTIRE WORLD SAFE

Records of Bob Fitzsimmons, Boston Braves Jawn McGraw and Hobey Baker, Prophecies of Prussianism's Fate in Wind-up

By GRANTLAND RICE

HOWEVER they may attempt to emanate their sentiments, the military leaders of Germany lie deep in their hearts that America of tomorrow is to be a vital force in the world's issue, irrefragable as the tide. Prussia fears the change of democracy, and because it knows it is losing the war, it has organized now a right punch which will carry the star spangled banner as far as needs be to maintain the world rate for democracy.

For, after all, the punch is the big thing in any game. And, shimmered right down to a cold calculation, the punch means courage, determination toward a definite goal, and the ability to overcome all obstacles associated with a definite end.

Bob Fitzsimmons was a freak of nature. He carried the torso and shoulders of a heavyweight giant on a lightweight's frame. In a man of less than his physical build would have eliminated Ruby Roth from all heavyweight consideration. He became one of the greatest fighters the history has known. Why? Because he had the punch. He was possessed of a fighting courage that he carried into the ring. He was a champion, a champion of the National League, Boston, after years of disappointment, suddenly found his punch in mid-season. In one of the most spectacular fights of baseball history the Braves fought up from the fall-end position into a championship. Used to hard knocks and expecting such from regular batters, the Braves' last diversion to the winds. They were a to the Athletics, roughed them up, beat them in the punch and, in addition, such a defeat as no major league club before or since suffered in a world's series.

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Mack's Machine Crumbled
The Athletics in 1911 stood in public estimation head and shoulders above any baseball organization of the year. Connie Mack's machine was supposedly invincible. Yet this pennant trust of Philadelphia was humbled in the world's championship series by the Boston Braves, a team considered more or less regular chumps of the National League. Boston, after years of disappointment, suddenly found its punch in mid-season. In one of the most spectacular fights of baseball history the Braves fought up from the fall-end position into a championship. Used to hard knocks and expecting such from regular batters, the Braves' last diversion to the winds. They were a to the Athletics, roughed them up, beat them in the punch and, in addition, such a defeat as no major league club before or since suffered in a world's series.

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