

SPORTS EVENTS OF PAST AND FUTURE DISCUSSED BY STAFF OF EXPERT ATHLETIC CRITICS

NEW YORK GIANTS HIT SNAG IN ENGAGEMENTS WITH WESTERN CLUBS

Pittsburgh and Cincinnati Show McGraw's Men That National League Race Is Not Yet Over—May Find Road Hard to Travel in Chicago

During the early part of the season the New York Giants made a runaway of the race, losing only one contest out of the first eighteen played against the Eastern teams. From the time the 1917 champions of the National League started the jaunt through Western cities they have won only one-third of the games played.

Then came the invasion of Redland. Playing against Matty's hard hitting aggregation of Cincinnati ball tossers, the Giants managed to annex only one out of five starts. The New York pitchers were badly treated by Matty's sluggers, while the Red twirlers did some effective despoiling against the Giants' sluggers.

The Giants are likely to find the Cubs also a strong aggregation. The Cubs, after dropping the first two to the Phils, came back strong and captured the next three. The Chicago boys are going strong at present and should be able to make it interesting for the Giants after they conclude their series with the Cardinals.

Played Sixty-three Innings in Five Games

The opening tilt of the series with the Chicago White Sox extended over eighteen rounds and ended in a victory to Washington and a personal one for Walter Johnson, prince of pitchers in the Johnson circuit. There were 139 chances and both clubs played errorless ball.

Extra-inning games are getting to be the habit and not the exception in the town that controls the destiny of America. In five games, the Senators have played no less than sixty-three frames, an average of almost thirteen innings to a contest.

In the second engagement the champions won in eleven innings, 4-2, and once again the Rowland men played through without an error, making a total of twenty-seven frames without a mishap. There was a breathing spell on Friday when the fans were allowed to go home to a warm dinner, for the Senators were victorious in the regulation nine chapters, 1-0. The record for errorless ball, however, was broken, for the White Sox were guilty of two misplays.

On Saturday the two clans went back to their benches, ways and it took the title-holders thirteen innings to win by 3-0. It may have been that the players wanted to give the fans an extra run for their money in the first Sunday game, for they went twelve rounds before a decision was reached. Ayers hurled the Griffiths to the triumph.

Walker, Has Great Week With Bat

CLARENCE (TILLY) WALKER, playing the garden for the Athletics that formerly was held down very sparsely by Amos Strunk, now is enjoying a berth in the select division for the first time in his big league career. His work with the bluecoats during the week just closed, in which he badly mistreated the offerings of the Chicago and Cleveland pitchers, did much to place him well beyond the 300 line. Last Monday he started on his hitting rampage and went along beautifully until Saturday, when he failed to collect safely off the combined deliveries of Morton and Bagby, of the Indians.

Over a five-day span he collected fourteen hits out of twenty-two times at bat, for a total of twenty-one extra bases. His average was .526, and this proved enough to enable him to advance his average from a .323 to .350, thereby placing him fifth in the American League ratings. His fourteen hits included two home runs and one double. One of his extra-base drives did much to help the Mackmen beat Cleveland in that thirteen-inning game last Tuesday, for without that drive the Athletics never would have tied the score in the ninth and never would have had a chance to win in the thirteenth.

Walker is enjoying one of his best years with the war club and aided by George Burns, has done much to make the opposing pitchers feel real heat when they are due to appear. Walker has found the surroundings very agreeable and the left field bleachers easy to reach. If Walker continues his vicious work with the mace then the Mackes are certain to land better than a poor eighth in the pennant chase. Thus far, Walker has poked out four homers, the same number credited to Burns, and these two are leading the league in this department.

Lost! the Phillies' Punch in the Pinch

ALAS and alack! The Phillies seem to have left their punch in St. Louis or some other place that needs it as badly. The three straight defeats of the Meramans by the Cubs came about because the Phillies did not have a timely wallop in their systems when the hour for base-hitting arrived. The old pinch blow was not there, the result being that although the Phils looked to be playing a good brand of baseball, it was really very ineffective because of the glaring lack of offensive strength.

The Phils' pitchers have been doing good work and have not deserved to suffer the fate of being beaten out three times in a row. But don't blame the pitchers. They can't win without runs and Pat's boys have refused to supply this necessary ingredient in stirring up a victorious mixture. The Phillie series had better attendance than any series last season. Every club that comes to Chicago will take away more "kale" than it did last year by a goodly margin, and taking away the bean means more in baseball this year than it has in many previous seasons. The main need of the National League is a real contender for the scalp of the New York Giants. Mitchell's club looks as if it might be. It remains to be demonstrated this week, and the "bugs" are quite excited over the approach of McGraw and gang.

Clarke Griffith Patriot of Baseball

IF Clarke Griffith never managed a big league ball club, if he never toiled in the ring pit for any club under the huge tent or any other combination, if his name never had been connected with the national pastime, he would be remembered in baseball for starting and carrying on the bat and ball fund which has been the means of supplying uniforms and equipment to soldiers at camps in this country and in France. His work has been a patriotic effort deserving of the highest praise.

Wednesday will be bat and ball fund day at Shibe Park, and the management of the A's is planning big doings for the occasion. Military and naval bands will be on hand from nearby camps and there will be several hundred men in uniform at the game, which will have the Detroit Tigers as the attraction. Several corps will be sent down from Camp Crane at Allentown together with the ambulance band.

Miss Bjursted as Clever as Ever

MISS MOLLA BJURSTEDT, who has won more tennis trophies than any other woman playing on the American courts, has demonstrated this spring that she will be a long while before she begins to go back. Her most recent performance, an exhibition match played at the Terrace Club, Flatbush, showed that she has lost none of her cunning on the court. She was paired with Frederick B. Alexander in an exhibition match against Throckmorton and Miss Florence Ballin. Miss Bjurstedt and Alexander won easily at 6-4, 6-2.

Bethlehem Wins Soccer Football Championship

Playing unbeatable ball the Bethlehem Steel Company yesterday defeated the Fall River Rovers at Newark in the replayed final round for the soccer football championship of the United States by the score of 3 to 0. The Bethlehem eleven outclassed its opponents both in the kick and rush game and the passer style.



ONLY SEVEN MEN A. A. U. OFFICIALS SET NEW 2-MAN TOURNEY ROWED FOR PENN TRACK RECORD AT EASTON STARTS TONIGHT

Stroke Thomas, Stricken at Annapolis, Useless After First Half-Mile Middle Atlantic States Conference Championship Meet Last Saturday at Easton was Completed in Exceptionally Fast Time

By PAUL PREP. ALTHOUGH we never have heard of any rowing being broken or equaled for the time of staging a track and field meet, we believe that the A. A. U. officials who had charge of the Middle Atlantic States Conference A. A. championship Saturday, at Easton, established a new mark for the short time in which it took them to conduct the event.

There Was a Reason. But there was a reason for the speedy work of the officials, the majority of whom were Philadelphians. Following a recess at 12 o'clock and the parade of the men began to gather on March Field. Several of the officials appeared to be restless and impatient.

Harvey Thorpe, a Kansas City high school athlete, was welcomed in this city. He had fought most of the leading rowers in the country. He has been mentioned in the press as a probable contender for the title of the East Coast.

Check Higgins, the Indianapolis middleweight, and K. O. Longhain, of Allentown, will be the contestants in the semi-final in the boxing tournament.

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EDDIE LENNY'S GREATEST FIGHT FOUGHT WITH BARE KNUCKLES FOR NO PURSE

Jimmy Dougherty, Who Piloted Noted Featherweight to Top, Relates Most Remarkable Incident in Late Gladiator's Career

By JAMES S. CAROLAN. A BLISTERING son was beating down the shore of the Schuylkill at Port Indian, that noted resting place near Norristown. The village claims no distinction, but yesterday a story was related there which has occasioned a one-time idol of the Quaker City ring.

Everything was quiet. It was one of the beautiful May afternoons and no one had any intention of annoying any one else. In the distance the whirr of a motor around the party and soon a big blurring car whizzed across the lawn and down near the shore.

James F. Dougherty, the Baron of Leipserville, alighted and soon was one of the quiet party. Before many minutes had passed some one had occasioned a comment on the death of Eddie Lenny, one-time sensation in feather and bantam weight circles. The mere mention of Lenny's name sent Dougherty into raptures.

Dougherty Lauds Lenny

"He was a great boy," muttered Jimmy, "his honest, appreciative and considerate. He was different from the present day boys. Yes, indeed, he never made a fortune out of the ring game, for he fought for the love of it. He was a wonder."

"Yes, we always have heard the same thing," interrupted one of the silent throng on the banks of the silver river. "You know him well, we have been in the ring, and we would like to hear you talk about this great fighter."

"Well, he was a great boy, but he never will be forgotten," began the Baron, as a few words dropped unobtrusively into the public ear. "He died last Thursday, a victim of tuberculosis, but he was game to the end."

His Only Manager

"He was a remarkable boy in every way," I took him when he was just starting, a mere preliminary boy, and his manager until he had farrowed to the ring. He never was a champion, but he mingled with them during the better part of his career. He fought the only time he had to go out of Philadelphia to fight his start. He was a wonderful long-distance fighter, and after making good against Mackay, he would knock him out before he returned home, where he was a headliner.

"He had implicit confidence in me. He never questioned a decision, never complained, and he never even stood out in his career as long as I live. This happened in Leipserville one rainy afternoon in the fall of 1907. That's a long while ago, but I recall it just as plainly as though it happened yesterday."

Enter Harry Smith

"In those days there was a boy by the name of Italian Harry Smith, a Philadelphia, who had made good and recently had been to the ring. We found that we had nothing to gain and passed him up because we had bigger game in sight.

"I thought me surprised on this rainy day when Smith, his manager and his brother walked into my headquarters at Leipserville and Smith had come to talk business. Smith's manager said he would meet a side bet of \$2,000 if the match was made and that it was up to me to say yes or no.

"This blatin' manager aroused me a little, but I thought I would give it a try. I am sure I could have raised it. But if I had permitted this challenge to go by unheeded, Smith and his manager would have had much money, though I am sure I could have raised it. It was then that I decided to act.

Prisoners All

"I called in a boy and sent him with a message to the home of Lenny, which was only a few blocks away. Without any notice I proceeded to lock all the doors, bar the windows and did everything that would prevent Smith's manager and backer from leaving. There were fifteen or twenty others in the room.

"It's up to you fellows to make good."

Table with 2 columns: Team, Points. CLASS A, CLASS B, CLASS C.

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