

BASEBALL FANS ANGLING TO FIND SUBSTITUTE IN CASE PASTIME IS SHELVED FOR WAR PERIOD

AMERICANS CANNOT HAVE BALL GAMES THEY WILL FIND FUN ELSEWHERE

Boxing Holds Center of Sports Stage in Philadelphia, Barring National Pastime—Motorcycle Races at Point Breeze Attract Many

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

Now that baseball is suffering from the walloping administered by Secretary Baker and is ready to take the high dive into oblivion, it is up to the fans to find some other means of diversion.

There is no need of discussing the work-or-fight order which placed big-league baseball among the nonessentials.

Fortunately, the Americans are versatile. They will not weep over spilled milk, and when they run against a stone wall they try to climb over it.

Boxing will continue, and right now the knights of the padded mitt hold the center of the stage.

In addition to boxing, another professional sport which rapidly is gaining public favor is motorcycling at Point Breeze.

May Be Allowed to Finish Season

All of this may be premature, however, for, according to reports from Washington, there is a chance that the baseball players will be allowed to finish the season before going to work at some essential employment.

It will be remembered that soccer was discontinued in England at the beginning of the war and later restored to good standing.

When professional baseball is stopped it does not mean that the game will be forgotten.

In order to find out, if possible, what was going on in amateur baseball, I talked with Jake Gray, manager of Spalding's, yesterday.

"I do not look for a dull baseball season," he said. "Instead, the game is flourishing. Where there were one hundred independent teams last year there are five hundred now.

"The younger element is playing more, too. I am outfitting more teams than ever before, and if professional baseball is killed you can take it from me that the game will progress rather than be retarded."

In other words, Mr. Gray intimates that the spectators will become active participants in the games in which they are interested.

Toney Will Help Out New York Giants

When the Giants acquired Fred Toney yesterday by the sale route from Cincinnati they got a pitcher that is worth almost any price that could justly be asked for a ball tosser.

Fred Toney was born in Atlanta, Ga., on December 11, 1889. He began his professional baseball career in 1908 with the Winchester club, in the Blue Grass League.

He played with that club for three years. In 1911 he became a member of the Chicago Cubs, and the following year was released to the Louisville club in the American Association.

He was recalled by the Cubs in 1913, and again released to Louisville about the middle of the season.

That same year he finished second to Alexander, of the Phillies, who was the leading pitcher of the year.

While Toney has always been a consistently good pitcher, it was not until May 2, 1917, that he entered the so-called "baseball hall of fame" by accomplishing that great desire of all baseball pitchers—a no-hit, no-run game.

This he accomplished against his one-time teammates, the Chicago Cubs, in a ten-inning battle, which he won by a score of 1 to 0.

Athletics Are Now City Champions

Even though Connie Mack may not make good his prediction that he and his ambitious group of athletes wouldn't finish last in the American League this season, the ball players representing the park at Twenty-first and Lehigh avenue can lay claim to one title—the championship of Lehigh avenue and other districts under the supervision of Mayor Smith.

Yesterday the Mackmen and Phillies took part in a game at the latter's grounds for the championship of this city, and the squad from Twenty-first street triumphed over the Broad street gang by the score of 1-0.

The game was played for the benefit of the family of the late William G. Weart, formerly baseball expert for the Evening Telegraph.

It was one of those games which brought back fond memories to the fans of the days of old, when the Mackmen used to fight it out for a world's title instead of merely a city championship.

The crowd didn't know which team to cheer for in the beginning. Every time an extra fine play was made the player's efforts were rewarded with cheers.

Even Bill Rudolph, the umpire in chief, was confused at times by the manner in which the clubmen and their wives cheered the holders of last place in the American League.

Scott Perry Pitched Wonderful Ball

Great credit for the Athletics' close victory belongs to Scott Perry, the much-discussed twirler. It appears as though Perry works better the more he is used.

The Phils were completely baffled and hit but six balls out of the infield, four of which came in the last three innings.

Instead of having American or National League umpires, Joe McCready and Harry Wagner and Bill Rudolph handled the game.

Wagner is a local umpire, who made his start behind the plate in the Philadelphia baseball league five years ago.

SOMEBODY IS ALWAYS TAKING THE JOY OUT OF LIFE



STOPTUM IS BEST FOR APPROACH

Chick Evans Prefers It to Mashie—Certain to Improve Game

URGES ITS ADOPTION

By CHARLES (CHICK) EVANS, JR.

In playing Red Cross matches in various parts of the country I met a great many golfers, and I am impressed with their almost universal desire to learn more about the fine points of the game.

I believe the question most commonly asked me is about the comparatively new club called the stoptum.

As a nearly every golfer knows, the idea of the stoptum is to impart backspin to a ball on the approach shot, and in this way control the ball better.

Getting a Back Spin But the mashie ceased to be satisfactory for this work when the fast small balls of today came into vogue.

Along about this time the stoptum came into vogue and with this change in the game the club which has been mentioned ceased to have the same value to me and the stoptum grew greatly in importance.

At last Max Williamson, the local bantam, has his ambition realized, and that is that he will box in the winter at his new gymnasium.

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ASSOCIATION WON'T CONTINUE SCHEDULE

Chicago, July 23.—The American Association, which closed its season Sunday because of Secretary of War Baker's recent ruling classifying baseball as a nonessential occupation, will not resume its playing schedule, no matter what final decision may be made in Washington, according to President Thomas Hickman.

WAR HALTS AMATEUR BASEBALL TOURNAMENTS

Indianapolis, July 23.—The annual sectional and national tournaments of the National Amateur Baseball Association have been discontinued for the duration of the war, President James H. Lowry, of Indianapolis, has announced.

Scraps About Scrapper

PHIL BLOOM, the crack Brooklyn lightweight, fresh from his six-round victory over Tommy Carey, of Nicetown, in the wind-up at the open-air arena of the Cambria A. C. last Friday night, is putting the finishing touches on his training for his coming fight with Rocky Kansas, of Buffalo.

Bloom is now going along in his old-time form, and this time he means to stay among the toppers, and a decisive victory over Kansas means that he will be in line for another crack at Benny Leonard, the lightweight champion.

McGovern to Meet Young Merino The wind-up at the Cambria Open-air arena, Friday night, will present a middleweight scrap, appearing in the second bout, while the opening preliminary Patsy Wallace faces Joe Dorsey.

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TENNIS CRACKS TO CLASH AGAIN

Murray, Kumagae, Wright and Others Will Play at Greenwich

WILL BEGIN FRIDAY

New York, July 23.

The tournament which will begin at the Greenwich Field Club, Greenwich, Conn., Friday, will bring together some of the best tennis players in the East.

Notes of the Bowlers

Tonight on the Keystone Alley the warm-weather "duck players" will endeavor to crutch the top rung from the Pileatin quarter.

A return match between Philadelphia's five-man team and the Salem pin scatterers will be arranged during the coming week.

Ocean City bowling team extends an open challenge to any Philadelphia team for either the Iron or ten lane match.

Tonight's "Duck-Pin" League will find two of the strongest quintets who have ever played the heavy pin losers to the Coast alley.

Beaumont, of the old Loral bowling team, is confident he can still roll the pill and will meet "Little Joe Sheldahl" in the coming return match.

The Summer Bowling League continues to attract the heavy pin losers to the Coast alley.

If you don't see your favorite bowling alley's advertisement in the Evening Public Ledger, ask your bowling alley manager who he doesn't advertise in the paper which supports bowling.

This fall promise to be a big one for the bowling game. There will be several new tournaments in the East.

Some of these "western" experts now working here in the East will show the eastern pin scatterers the art of the game.

Advertisement for Henrietta Admirals Eisenlohr's Masterpiece 10¢ Scatlar. All quality—Liberal in size. There is also another size Henrietta (The Perfecto) at 3 for 25¢—Bigger and better than most cigars selling at 10¢ each.

PLANS ARE COMPLETED FOR NATIONAL SINGLES PLAY AT FOREST HILLS

Grand Stand Seating 1700 Will Be Erected by West Side Tennis Club—Proceeds to Be Turned Over to War Fund

WITH the national tennis singles championship scheduled to be played within a little more than a month's time on the courts of the West Side Tennis Club, the tournament committee of the club and Julian S. Myrick, vice president of the United States National Lawn Tennis Association, rapidly are completing plans for the coming titular event.

A grand stand seating 1700 will be erected and additional seating facilities will be provided to accommodate the rally expert for the tournament.

Single tickets, including seat, will be sold each day at the grounds only for \$1. The proceeds of this tournament will be turned over to the War Department commission on training camp activities, and every effort is being made to secure the largest possible sum for this fund.

The fact that Ichya Kumagae, the far eastern star, who ranks fifth, has reached this country, is bound to attract the followers of tennis. He showed in the final match for the championship of New York State on Sunday that he has lost none of his old-time ability, and should be a strong contender for the national title.

Commenting on Kumagae's return to the United States, Myrick said that "the United States National Lawn Tennis Association is glad that so fine a sportsman as Kumagae has taken up his residence here, and the association welcomes his entry in the national championships and other tournaments played under its auspices."

When Kumagae went back to Japan in 1916 he told his friends here that he hoped to visit the United States again," said Mr. Myrick, "and in letters to officials of the national association and other friends he has repeatedly expressed the same wish.

"Kumagae was working in Tokyo, and when his firm, Mitsubishi Goshi Kaisha, Adachi, Jr., of the national association, decided that he was ready for transfer, they sent him to the New York branch. Fortunately this came just now, giving an opportunity for him to compete in some tournaments this season in his record in 1916 makes it certain that his playing this year will be watched with keen interest.

Announcements of the national doubles championship have been sent out by Nathaniel W. Niles, chairman of the tournament committee of the Longwood Cricket Club, of Boston, where the tournament will begin on August 12. Entries close on Friday, August 9, and must be made with Richard Bishop, secretary, postoffice box 2337, Boston, Mass.

The proceeds will go to the War Department commission on training camp activities. Headquarters for players will be at the Hotel Lenox and Edwin Sheafe will act as referee.

The boys' and junior tennis center championships for Boston will be played the same week, beginning on August 14. Winners will be eligible to play for the national titles.

Clinton L. Childs, of Pittsburgh, was appointed chairman of the committee to study equalization of voting power in the United States National Lawn Tennis Association and suggest changes to its annual meeting. Associated with him are L. Harry Waldner, of Chicago, who first brought the matter to the attention of the national body, and Edward Sheafe, of Boston.

Their long connection with tennis and their prominence in its affairs promise a satisfactory adjustment.

Aside from collecting information from these who represent the national opinion in the various sections of the country, the committee will not be particularly active until the end of the war. At the executive committee meeting in Chicago, every one agreed that it would be extremely unwise to attempt any radical revision of the constitution now.

Waldner's proposal, in brief, is to create an executive committee made up of representatives of eleven sectional organizations, most of which are in operation. Additional members might be elected by the national meeting, but each association would be responsible for the development of tennis in its own section.

It was unanimously agreed that changes had better be left for the future, and should be a strong contender for the national title.

Representatives of the Middle West, Northwest and Southwest gave the East something to think about when they declared without reservation that elimination of the sectional doubles championships had been an error of judgment. This was done at the annual meeting in 1917, despite the protests of men who told the delegates that these championships had done more than any other to make the national association stimulate interest in the game throughout the country.

Ward C. Burton, of Minneapolis; C. Drummond Jones, of St. Louis, and J. E. Phillips, of New York, were the trophies put up by the association had brought home to the players in their respective sections the activities of the association in the most direct manner. Furthermore they argued that the winners of sectional championships would go to play against other teams when they would not make a similar trip to enter an open tournament.

"It was to secure just such information as this that the executive committee meeting was scheduled in Chicago," said Myrick on hearing the reports from the delegates.

"If we had accomplished nothing else I think this expression of opinion would have made the meeting well worth while," was the statement of the secretary, Edwin F. Torrey.

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