HE EXPLORER THAT DISCOVERED TYRUS R. COBB RANKS WITH CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS

COBB WAS REGULAR **BUSHER WHEN FOUND** IN "BUSH" CIRCUIT

Clyde Engle Had Call on Famous Georgian, Relates Wild Bill Donovan in New Story on Discovery of Star Outfielder

> By ROBERT W. MAXWELL Sports Editor Evening Public Ledger

THIS is a new story of the discovery of Cap'n Ty Cobb. It was told by Wild Willyum Donovan, the new manager of Jersey City, at the ympia the other night. Willyum was glad to discuss baseball or anything, st to keep awake.

"It was 'way back in 1965 when Detroit was training in Augusta, Ga., d the future cap'n in our army was a regular busher. Ty attracted little ntion, for he was a terrible fielder and tried to run through the fence every game. Hughie Jennings used to laugh every time Cobb ran out on the field, for there was nothing about him that even suggested a future star. His hitting was of the bush league variety, and when an outfielder ban't hit it's time to forget all about him.

Detroit had a chance that year to get Cobb for nothing, for the Auta club had made a deal with Jennings whereby he would have the priviof selecting any player on the team if his ball club did its spring ing in Augusta. To show what a hit Cobb made, Clyde Engle, the nfielder, was chosen and Tyrus the Great allowed to remain in the tall grass. Engle, by the way, was a good player and afterward went to Boston, here he knocked that high fly in the world series in 1912 which was muffed by Fred Snodgrass.

"I never forgot Cobb," said Donovan, "for one day when I was pitching he hit a ball to me and I had to run toward third base to field it. It wasn't a hard-hit ball, so I took my time, but before I could straighten up to throw to first you can imagine my surprise when I saw that busher roosting on the bag. Never before had I seen such speedy traveling toward first ase, and I remembered it. Later in the season one of our outfielders went bad and I suggested

Jennings that he take a chance with that fast guy down in Augusta. nings wired down there and a reply came back that Cobb would not be ent North unless the Detroit club purchased him for \$750. President Navin sent them the money and Cobb was signed by Detroit.

THE first year, as you know, Ty did not set the world afire, but barely got by. There was a noticeable improvement the next season, and now look at him. At the same time, I attribute the speedy journey to first base that day in Augusta to Cobb's joining the Detroit club."

Messenger Was Speedy, but Only for a Day

EVERY year we read of future Ty Cobbs in the training camps, who always blow up on the northern journey and never see the big league ball park. One of the greatest disappointments was a player named Bob Messenger, who once performed for the Chicago White Sox. Bob was disgovered some place in New England, and Ted Sullivan, the scout, sent in plowing reports about his speed and all-around ability. He finally was given a chance and he made good-on one day only. Out of four times at t he had three hits, got a base on balls and ran wild on the footpaths. He swiped all the bases lying around loose and his work was the talk of

That night Sullivan, with his chest out, complimented himself on the derful discovery. He told the newspaper men how the deed was done nd quoted a couple of columns of real live stuff. However, the cloud not have a silver lining and Scout Sullivan stubbed his toe three

By that time the opposing pitchers learned that Messenger couldn't it a curved ball, and he was handed that delivery. Time after time he phiffed, and at the end of the third day the second Ty Cobb was handed release. This furnished more news for the scribes and Sullivan was ed for another story.

"Messenger?" he asked. "Who is that guy? Never heard of him. er saw him until he showed up here. A terrible flivver. Wonder where ame from?"

And they say baseball scouts are wise persons when they try to get y with a stunt like that.

Ted Sullivan also pulled a good one when he discovered John Collins, ther product of the New England League. Ted said Collins was the test second baseman he ever had seen, and to show what a good guess made John never has played the position since joining the White Sox.

HE HAS been in the outfield, with an occasional fling at first-basing when the regular player is on the sidelines.

Erskine Mayer Boosts Hamilton, Pirate Southpaw

ONE-TIME wearer of the Philly uniform dropped into the office yesterday. It had been a long time since this one-time laborer for Pat ran. Bill Baker and the rest strolled in to see us. Erskine Mayer, sideheaver deceptive tosser and other things, came unannounced. Erskine longer works for Bill Baker and the Phils. At present he is unsigned, ut is the property of the Pittsburgh Pirates. "Erk" had a good word for one, even Pat Moran, who engineered his course toward Pittsburgh. er is anxious for the season to open, wants to get to a training camp sarly, even if it is only to West Baden, Ind.

Barney Dreyfuss forwarded Erskine a contract which called for thly payments. This didn't make a hit with the star pitcher, who ned to have a very good season in 1918, and Erskine promptly red the papers unsigned. However, a little thing like monthly agreesents, if made lucrative for the season, will not keep Mayer away from Piretes. It will be recalled that he won nine straight games after he of the Pittsburgh camp, and three of these were at the expense of the

"And don't overlook this boy Earl Hamilton," volunteered Mayer. Tust now he looks like the one best left-hander in the game. Last year was in for a great season, but enlisted right when he was going at his I look for him to lead all the left-handers this year. He has a great of pace in addition to his other natural pitching qualities. When as with St. Louis he was good, but now that he is more mature and perienced he rates with the best."

HAMILTON was going on high speed when he suddenly quit the Pirates to enlist last summer. He stopped the leaders and blanked the trailers. His work in the service apparently has done him good and he should have a great year.

Cooper, Star Southpaw, a Hard Worker

COPER is another southpaw on the payroll of the Pirates. In addition southpawing for the Pirates, he is a regular pitcher. John McGraw a motto that if he finds any team he can't beat he'll go right out and all the stars on that club. The Giants have found Cooper a very ome guy. Now we hear that McGraw plans to concentrate upon hpaw pitching and is very anxious to procure this same Cooper, of the rates. Later he may become attached to Hamilton. In this way John an eliminate all competition and danger from a Pirate source.

The beauty of Cooper is that in addition to being a good pitcher he bear for work," continued Erskine. "Why, I never saw a fellow ark as hard as that bird. The moment he sees another pitcher getting d a little he grabs his glove and rushes for the bullpen. He is out in uniform every day. I don't see how he does it. It's against the to do so much.

With Cooper and Hamilton in good form we ought to have a good They are a pair of very good southpaws and, make no mistake, they

ing to cause plenty of trouble." Just before Erskine departed a message from Pittsburgh informed us Billy Southworth, the brilliant young outfielder claimed for a time the Upland manager, had accepted terms.

T'm glad to hear this," said "Erk." "He is one of the best young lers that has broken into the game in a long time. In addition, he me natural hitter."

DREYFUSE did not plan to announce anything about his players until he had them all under contract. But so many independent team managers had been annoying Southworth that he requested Dreyfuss to make it known.

Sam Mayer Now Manager of Atlanta Club

MAYER, brother of Erskine, has blossomed forth as a minor league nager. Recently he signed a contract to play the outfield and the Atlanta team of the Southern Association. Mayer had a chance with the St. Louis Browns, but turned it down to entertain before se gathering. Young Mayer also holds stock in the club.

MAYER'S last appearance in this city was with the Washon club against the Athletics. He played only one game, a home run, a triple, a double and a single. The next day to the Federal League.

MOVIE OF A MAN WITH A RAISIN AND A BIT OF YEAST

TWO OR THREE WEEKS PUTS RAISIN AND YEAST IN A BOTTLE OF CIDER OR JOME-AND HIKES RIGHT SAMPLES IT OUT TO THE PANTRY TO SAMPLE THING - FOLLOWING ADVICE OF A FRIEND GETS WHAT HIS FRIEND SAID HE THERE - THERE-WOULD GET THERE - QUIET DOWN NOW - YOU'LL BE BETTER SOON-LITTLE FEVER

ARE ANNOUNCED

Interscholastic League Will Spectators Have Grand Get Going April 4; Play Each Team Twice

SEVEN SCHOOLS ENTER

Professor Hill, of the Frankford High School, has compiled the Interscholastic Baseball League schedule for the coming season. The first game will be played April 4, and the final May 31. To be counted in the league standing all games must be played before June 1. With one exception, the circuit is the

with one exception, the circuit is the same as that of last season. Due to the combining of the Central High and Trades Schools, the lattr will not be represented this year. The members of the league are Central High. West Philadelphia, Northeast, Southern, Frankford, Germantown and Catholic High. adelphia, Northeast, Southern, Frank-ford, Germantown and Catholic High. The official schedule follows:

April 4-Germantown at Central, Southern West Philadelphia, Frankford at North-

east.
April 8—Catholic High at Germantown.
Central at Southern, West Philadeiphia at
Frankford at Southern, West Philadeiphia at
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April 11—Germantown at West Philadeiphia.
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Catholic High
April 22—Southern at Germantown, West
Philadeiphia at Northeast, Catholic High
at Central.
April 23—Reserved for postponed games.
April 25—Frankford at Germantown.
Catholic High at Southern. Central at Northeast.
April 29—Northeast at Southern. West

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Southern at Catholic High, Northeast at Central May 21—Reserved for postponed games, May 23—Southern at Northeast, Central at West, Philadolphia, Catholic High at Prankford.
May 27—Northeast at Germantown, West
Philadelphia at Catholic High, Frankford

strike the shoot, but now that they missed, for no one could get up enough have found it they are doing the job courage to sit down. The faster one right. Yesterday they lost their second moved the better one liked it. straight game, dropping a 37-30 game to West Philadelphia in the Speedboys Wind Gets Decision

to play Central. The game will be Powell while played in the Nicetown Boys' Club, and Bart Pfingst. a win for Northeast will give them an excellent chance for the title, as West Philadelphia and Southern play next Philadelphia and Southern play next Hanna, of Stenion, off the courts. The

STATE ANNOUNCES DATES

Bezdek's Eleven to Play Eight Gridiron Games

State College, Feb. 18.—After a lapse of two years, Penn State and the University of Pennsylvania are to meet on the gridiron next fall, according to Graduate Manager Neil M. Fleming, who announced his 1919 football schedule yesterday. Eight games have been listed. The complete schedule for next year as as follows: October 4, Gettysburg, at home: October 11, Bucknell, at home: October 15, Dartmouth, at Hanover, N. H.: October 25, Ursinus, at home: November 1, Penn, at Philadelphia, November 8 (Pennsylvania Day), Leiligh, at ber 8 (Pennsylvania Day), Lenigh, a home; November 15, Cornell, at Ithaca November 27 (Trankagiving Day), Pitt at Pittaburgh

Golf Win for Gimbel and Strong St. Augustine, Fla., Feb. 19.—In a mixed four-some yesterday on the St Augustine links, Charles Gimbel, of Philadelphia, and Herbert Strong, of the Engineers' Club. piayed against Isaac Guggenheim, of New York, and Jack Mackle, of Port Washington, I. I Strong's card was 14-36-70, made only once before, in 1917, by Gil Nicholis.

Kempton, Yale Star, to Return New Haven, Feb. 19.—Herbert "Fido" Kempton, of Matten, one of the best quar-tertacine ever developed in the East, will go back to Vale in the fail.

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BASEBALL DATES Frigid Weather Fails to Mar Tennis Tourney

Important Matches

on Today's Schedule

SENIOR MATCHES

PRINCE ALBER

CRIMP CUT

Time Seeking "Covered" Spot in Middle States Covered Event

PLAYERS UP IN THE AIR

By ROBERT T. PAUL QUITE a number of Philadelphia club-men and others, including three voing women, successfully passed the highest degree in the local tennis so-

Bill Tilden and the rest of his useful committee named the tournament a "covered" one, but the spectators are having a grand and glorious time in finding a covered spot on the roof where they can regain the use of their numbed digits. Despite the howling wind, the flurries of snow and the hovering of the mercury around the bottom of the thermometer a pleasant time was had by all, including the stout man who chased his hat all around the roof while the wind was at its heat.

Must Wear Flannels

As for the players, they also enjoy themselves and provided some enter-High May 2—Germantown at Northeast, Catho-High at West Philadelphia, Southern at ankford. Trankford.

May 6—Central at Germantown. West Philadelphia at Southern at Prankford.

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May 7—Reserved for postponed games.

May 8—Germantown at Catholic Righ.

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Town. Frankford at Central, Catholic Righ. that they really were playing tennis. Even with their flannels, they had a hard time keeping their mind on the game, for they were "all up in the air." George Thompson suggested to one of the committee that they have Samuel Dallas get some of the store employed paint a few palm trees and some south-ern landscape on the canvas wind-breaks and thus make the players and spectators believe they were down in Florida or some other place where it is warm. Philadelphia at Catholic High. or some other place at Southern.

As 28-29-31 — Reserved for postponed The suggestion, while a good one, was not carried out.

The chairs, which were receiving an Central High basketball team has hit awful walloping from the wind, were the toboggan slide for fair. It took the rescued late in the afternoon and Crimson and Gold passers a long time to dragged to their corner. They were not

While the absence of heat was the This defeat, with Southern's victory over Frankford High, places Central and Southern on even terms for first place, with West Philadelphia only haif a game behind. Northeast High is in fourth position, only a game and a half behind.

While the absence of neat was the main topic of discussion, the spectators found some time to watch the players dash hither and thither, on the courts, lithya Kumagae and Selichiro Kashio fourth position, only a game and a half behind. on Friday Northeast gets its chance the expected by downing "Duke" Mun-op play Central. The game will be a play Central. The game will be a play to the Nicetown Boys' Club, and layed in the Nicetown Boys' Club, and

> wind gained the decision in this bout, for it almost blew both of them off the roof. Hanna played a wonderful game, and supprised himself and Paul Gibbons by taking six games from Ichiya. Both players made some fine shots, but it was so cold no one dared take their hands out of their overcoat pockets. After winning their matches, Kashio and Kumagae took a train back to New York to attend to their business. They will be back again temorrow. Kashio meets Bill Tilden while Kumagae plays the winner of the Richards-Beard con-

SURPRISE AT PALM BEACH

Miss Fenn Takes Medal in the Qualifying Round

Qualifying Round

Falm Beach, Fis., Feb. 19.—Miss Bessie Fenn, of Poland Springs. Me., hitherto unknown in tournament play here, upset the calculations of a number of experienced golfers yesterday by winning the medal in the qualifying round of the woman's Florida championship, with a card of 78.

There was a margin of six strokes between her score and that of Miss Eleane Rosenthal, of the Western Golf Association, who had been picked to win, Miss Rosenthal returning an 84, 40 out and 44 in.

Belleaire Favorites Victors aire Heishis. Fla., Feb. 19.—In the sand of match play in the Washing-birthday fournament Dewitt Batch, of att, easily defeated W. E. Muller, sert, La.; E. H. Augustus, Cleveland, d. C. Q. Walde, Rr. Brookleyn, and C. Q. Walde, Rr. Brookleyn, and

.75 SYRACUSE CANDIDATES

Orange Ball Players

Syracuse, N. Y., Feb. 19.—Varsity aseball practice started at Syracuse

Yracuse:
June 2, Columbia, at New York; 3, Fordam, at New York; 4, Army, at West Point;
Wesleyan, at Middletown; 6, Holy Cross,
t Worcester; 7, Brown, at Providence; 10,
colgate, at Syracuse,

Soccer Flourishes at Annapolis

Many Games Arranged for the

faces are appearing on the squad each day.

The varsity schedule is nearly completed. To date the following games have been scheduled:

April 24 Lafayette, at Easton; 25, Rutgers, at New Brunswick; 26, Princeton, at Princeton.

May 3, St. Lawrence, at Syracuse; 3, West Virginia, at Syracuse; 17, Hamilton, at Clinton; 8, Colgate, at Hamilton; 10, Rochester, at Syracuse; 14, Rochester, at Rochester, at Syracuse; 17, Columbia, at Syracuse; 23, Hamilton, at Syracuse.

SENIOR MATCHES

11:30 a. m.—F. B. Alexander, New York, vs. Alvan Mallory, Lafayette, 12:15 a. m.—Howard Vochell, New York, vs. Charles Seltzer, Frankford, 1 p. m.—Harold Taylor, New York, vs. Paul Gibbons, Cruwyd, 2 p. m.—F. B. Mexander, New York, vs. Cruig Biddle, Merion Crieket, 3 p. m.—Howard Voshell, New York, vs. Cruig Biddle, Merion Crieket, 3:30 p. m.—Havard Voshell, New York, vs. Wallace F. Johnson, Merion, 2:30 p. m.—Bart Pfingst and Don Nichols, U. of P., vs. W. P. Rowland, Belfield, and partner, 4 p. m.—Craig Biddle and Wallace F. Johnson, Merion, vs. H. W. Hanna and Tyson Hutchis, Belfield. JUNIOR MATCHES

1:30 p. m.—John Gibbons, Penn Charter, vs. Thomas Horrocks, Episcopal, 2:15 p. m.—N. C. McElroy, Episcopal, vs. William Katz, Germantown High, 2:45 p. m.—Churles Watson, 3d, West Philadelphia High, vs. John Bramall, West Philadelphia High,

PENN PASSERS PASS INTO FIRST POSITION

Quakers Toss Ball Under | Two More Swim Stars Noses of Tigers and Cop Game and League Lead Easily, 37 to 21

SWEENEY HIGH SCORER

Intercollegiate League LAST NIGHT'S SCORE STANDING OF THE TEAMS Penn 3 1 750 Vale W. L. P.C. Princeon 3 1 667 Columbia 6 4 .000 SCHEDULE FOR WEEK ay—Yale at Princeton.

"Passed" is the correct word, for the Red and Riue torsed the ball over heads, under arms, between legs and around thins in a fashion that had the Tigers, believing they were in a mystic spaze.

Princeton had a splendid system of attack and defense. Everything was all mapped out ahead of time, and Coach Fred Leubring had an elaborate set of sisnals that moved the Tigers into the right positions on every occasion. All the details were carried out with extreme care, and the Jersey boys jumped into their places for every play as if they

treme care, and the Jersey boys jumped into their places for every play as if they were pulled by a string.

The only thing that interfered with the complete success of the well-planned operations was the Penn team. Gray was supposed to get the tap and knock the ball to a guard or forward, according to the signal. Different places were mapped out for the other members of the quintet and the ball apparently was supposed to be passed to

System Goes "Blooie"

The system met its first obstacle in Lardie Davis, for the Penn capta'n and jump man 'nvariably got the tap, and when he didn't Penn men rudely stepped between Tigers and the ball and broke up set plans and players with equal non-chalance.

Penn's one-sided triumph was the re-Daseball practice started at Syracuse University on Monday. Seventy-five ball tossers are reporting regularly to Coach Lew Carr in the cage, and new faces are appearing on the squad each day.

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wash tone Princetoman good chough to give any of the Quakers wrinkles.

M'ke Sweeney had a field day, or night, in scoring. He boosted his lead in the league tallying by droping a clean half dozen of field goals through the net from scrimmage, and, in addition, made five fouls out of seven chances. M'ke's total for the evening was seventeen total for the evening was seventeer

Four Stannard Goals

Annapolis. Md., Feb. 19.—The Midahipaca are again faking up secore, a sport
a which they engaged some years ago,
rithout competing with outside teams, but
fromed. It is expected to develop a team
for intercollegiate competition. Forty canildates are practicing under Midahipman
Frank Taylor, the captain, and a coach
besides playing a remarkable floor game.

Join Meadowbrook to Compete Next Season

Two more local swimming stars have joined the ranks of the Meadow-brook Club, and they will compete for the Wanamaker organization in the outdoor events next summer. They are Vic Holtz and Tom Cowell, both of the West Philadelphia High School, who starred in the national interscholastic title races in the Weightman Hall tank last Saturday. Holtz won first in the fifty and hundred and swam on the winning relay team, a feat that has not been accomplished before in the sixteen years of national championships. Cowell competed for the victorious West Phillie relay team.

and Captain Davis made two. Peck By EDWIN J. POLLOCK

PENN'S basketeers passed into first place in the drive for the intercollegiate championship by presenting Princeton with a huge mauling in Weightman Hall last night, 37-21. Weightman Hall last night, 37-21. Weightman Hall last night, 37-21. Ople was the best Tiger on the floor under arms, between legs and around in shooting and court playing. He slipped

Cornell Noses Out West Virginia Ithaca, N. Y., Peb. 19.—Cornell beat West Virginia in a fast and exciting basketball game here last night, 36 to 20, the libracans being forced into their beat exhibition of the year to defeat the visitors. The first half ended 20 to 17 in Cornell's favor.

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