

# MEADOWBROOK ATHLETES, AFTER POOR START, MAKE BRILLIANT FINISH IN INDOOR MEET

## MEADOWBROOK CLUB ATHLETES END YEAR IN BLAZE OF GLORY

### Dallas's Runners Put Over Clean-Up Wallop at Finish of Indoor Track Season—Mottley Ran 100 Yards Semifinal in 9.4-5 Seconds

THE Meadowbrook indoor track season, which was nil so far as any local carnival was concerned, ended in a blaze of glory Saturday night when the Wanamaker boys cleaned up at the Johns Hopkins games in Baltimore and in the Central High classics at Newark. Sam Dallas's athletes didn't show much in any of the big games outside of those last week. This can be attributed to several things, but mainly to the fact that most of the entries were lads returned recently from the service in splendid physical condition, but not in good running form.

It took Lou Spellman some time to get the Meadowbrook athletes in shape, but once they got off the mark as in yesteryears they sprang into the deserted limelight. The Wanamaker boys carried Philadelphia colors into first place in five events at Baltimore, and the local relay team, which had Ted Meredith at anchor, ran second in the intercity relay at Newark.

The most startling features of the Baltimore classic were the sensational exhibitions of Fred Pollard, former Brown football hero, in the hurdles, and Fred Mottley, the former Colgate athlete, in the sprints. Pollard cracked the world's indoor record for the 100-yard hurdles, running his final in 11.25 seconds. Both his first heat and semifinal were captured in 12 seconds flat. Mottley was clocked for the century straightaway in 19 seconds flat for the final, but in his semifinal he was timed in 9.4-5 seconds, record figures for the event.

Dewey O'Brien proved that he was in his best form of the season when he copped the half-mile in 2 minutes 12.5 seconds from scratch. Windhover had to do only 5 feet 8 inches for a win in the high jump, and Elliman broke the tape in five 229 in 24 seconds flat. Kleinspehn, another Meadowbrook lad, who competed for Lafayette, took two seconds, one in the 880 and the other in the mile. Bob Crawford, former Flushing High star, who also is under Coach Bruce at Lafayette, won the mile in 4:34. Crawford and Kleinspehn beat Dresser, the famous Cornell runner, who came in third.

TED MEREDITH ran the last quarter for Philadelphia in Newark in 51.2-5 seconds, which proves that the Meadowbrook campaign still has a lot of good races left in him. Frank Shea, the Pittsburgh champion, did only 55.2-4 in his relay at Baltimore.

### Training for Outdoor Season in Full Swing

THE Meadowbrook athletes will rest for a bit and then swing into training for the outdoor season. There will be only a short vacation for the distance men, for their next big race will be a cross-country next month. All of the college athletes are well on in their training for the outdoor events, the first of which will be the Penn relay carnival at Franklin Field on April 25 and 26.

Carl Johnson is one of the visiting competitors who will be watched with keen interest in the relays. The Michigan star is listed to contest in four events—the sprint medley on the first day of the games and the hurdles, broad jump and high jump on Saturday. In the high jump he should be up with the winners if he doesn't land first honors. In this event in the Conference games at Evanston, Ill., last Saturday, he took first place and defeated several star jumpers, including Lin, of Northwestern, who has a record of 6 feet 1 inch. Johnson has cleared this height. In all the meets this winter he has not been defeated in any event, and he has shown great consistency by winning the sprint, the hurdles and the high jump in each meet.

Next month Johnson will be pitted against the best college athletes of the country in each of these events, and the fact that he will be favored by many to win all of them shows what a remarkable athlete he is. In the hurdles he will meet Erdman, of Princeton, the intercollegiate champion, and Smith, of Cornell, the indoor American champion and record holder. In the broad jump he will meet, among others, Landers and Smalley, of Pennsylvania; Butler, of Duquesne, the winner here two years ago with a leap of 23 feet 5 inches; and Fetter, of Cornell, the intercollegiate, another 23-foot jumper.

In the high jump Johnson will have as his main competitors Wetherdon, of New York University, with a record of 6 feet 2 3/4 inches; Parry, also of New York, who has done 6 feet, and Hugus, of Pittsburgh, who has cleared 6 feet 1 inch.

THE keenest interest will be shown in Johnson's performances here. If he should carry off the triple event he will do what has never before been done at the relay carnival.

### Women's Swim Title at Stake Saturday

THE women's national 100-yard swimming title will be at stake Saturday night in the Turners' tank, and it is likely that the championship will be landed by a local mermaid. Elizabeth Ryan and Eleanor Uhl have been entered from Meadowbrook. The former stands a great chance of lifting the crown. The Middle Atlantic men's title race also will be decided on Saturday, and Meadowbrook pins faith on Ray Uhl, Tom Cowells, Van Roden and Don Leopold.

Leopold recently was elected captain of the Penn swimming team. It will be his first race for Meadowbrook. The former Central High boy has been swimming splendidly for George Kistler this last winter, and Dallas expects him to be in there with the same good fortune for Meadowbrook.

MEADOWBROOK has taken over the Columbia tank and will hold a dual meet with the New York A. C. in the near future. Some thought was given to a water polo team, but President Dallas felt that it was too late to organize for matches this season. A water polo sextet will represent Meadowbrook in 1920.

### Plenty of Open-Air Boxing This Summer

OPEN-AIR boxing is certain to flourish this season. At least four parks will operate in this city. Leon Fains, assistant manager of the Olympia, has leased the Phillies' park. Johnny Burns will hold open-air shows at the Cambria, as usual. Three promoters already are after Shibe Park, while the new Point Breeze motordrome will be used for boxing entertainments.

Open-air boxing thrived here last summer. With conditions in the sporting world much improved and boxing more popular than ever, the open-air game should thrive.

ATLANTIC CITY is virtually assured of the open-air game. The baseball park at the Inlet is to be converted into a boxing arena, according to a well-founded report from the shore. The season should be a prosperous one.

### Kilbane Must Redeem Himself Here

A MONTH ago a Kilbane-Fox match was much discussed. Since the champion's setback by Brown and Brown's subsequent reverse by Artie Root, Kilbane's flaccid stock has taken some drop. Kilbane must regain this prestige in his next battle, that against Johnny Mealy on Monday night at the Olympia, or virtually count himself out as a top-notch drawing power here.

If Kilbane stages a successful second attempt at a come-back and engages in a number of winning battles, he is certain to be a big attraction with Fox during the summer months.

RIGHT now a Kilbane-Fox match is the best-looking argument we have. But Kilbane must show some of his old fighting form before the fans will believe he has the class.

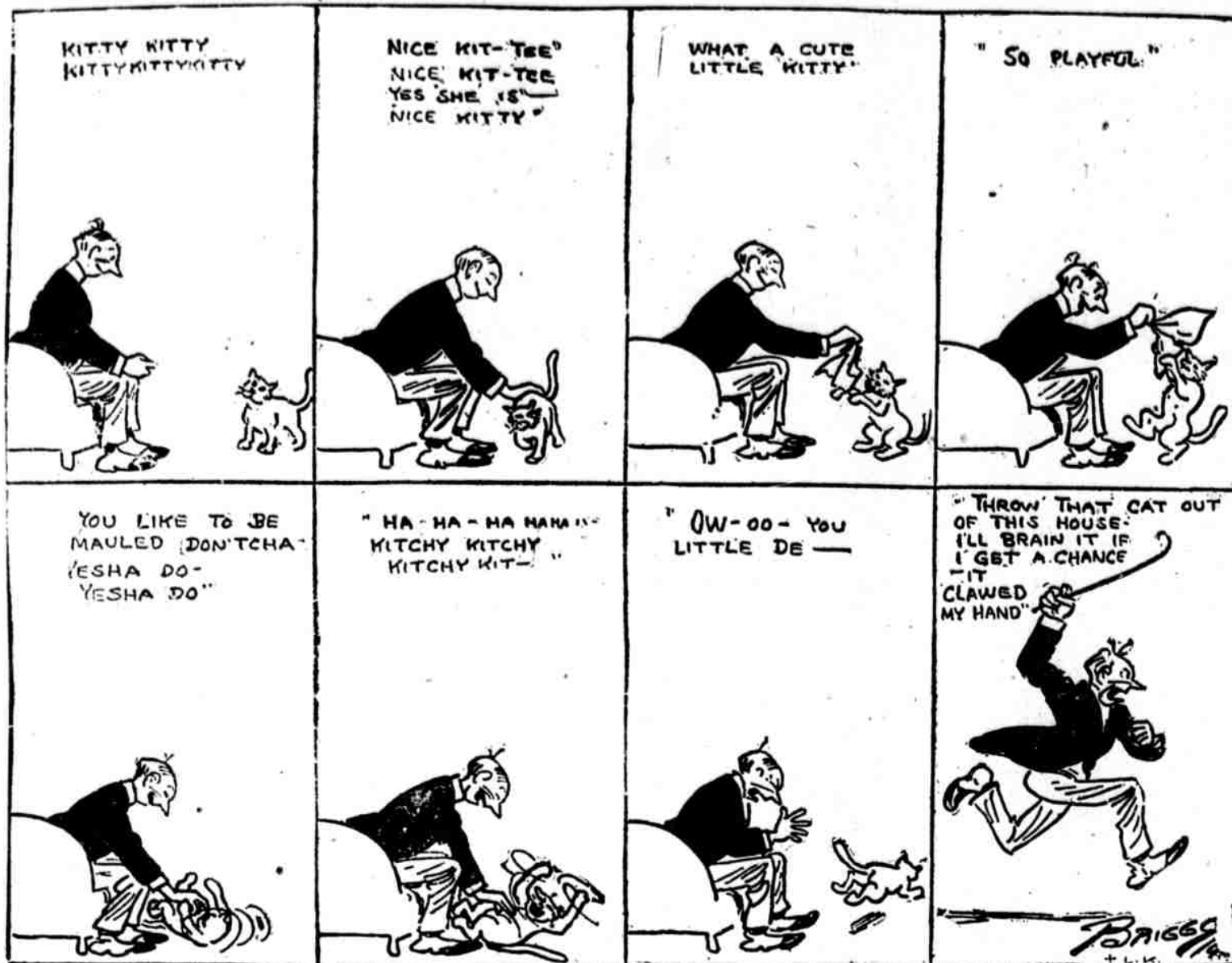
### Yankees Are Ready to Trade Leonard

ACCORDING to word which limped along the telegraph wires this morning from Jacksonville, Manager Miller Huggins, of the New York Yankees, is becoming desperate and is about to do something rash. Huggins, it seems, is peeved about the way Dutch Leonard is treating his offers. The erratic star boarder has ignored all the Yankees' terms and is fair to be a regular holdout, if he doesn't weaken as a result of Huggins' latest move.

Huggins has sent his final bid to Leonard, and unless the former Red Sox twirler accepts the terms he will be suspended. Still more, if he accepts the terms he will be given only a reasonable number of days in which to get to Jacksonville from his home in San Francisco. The offer calls for an increase over Leonard's contract with the Boston team. Leonard is a chap who takes on weight easily, and Huggins realizes that he will be of little benefit to the club the first month or six weeks of the season unless he comes to Jacksonville at once.

IT IS believed that Huggins will make efforts to trade Dutch for an outfielder of ability if the southpaw doesn't fall right into his hands already in well-need on pitching talent. He can only hope his stubborn holdout.

### MOVIE OF A MAN AND A CAT



### EARL MACK WITH MERCHANT NINE

### Son of Athletics' Leader Decides to Manage Shipyard Baseball Club

### SEASON OPENS MAY 3

With the announcement that the Delaware River Shipyard Baseball League will open the season on Saturday, May 3, nearly all the teams are making plans for the inaugural games, and in the meantime are looking exhibition contests with the best clubs available. Johnny Mack, who is busy watching the interests of Hog Island, has his squad out every day for practice, and the opening game there likely will be on a Sunday several weeks previous to the start of the shipyard league season.

While most of the teams in the organization will have good teams, as there is hardly one that will not outclass last year's squad, all practice of the players must be done after working hours. It has been decided that no time will be allowed for drill on Sunday afternoon. The Merchant nine at Bristol announces that they have succeeded in inducing Connie Mack's son, Earl, to manage the club at that yard. Earl has not been sought simply as a baseball manager, as he has been working at the plant for a year or more. He did not come out for the team last season and it was only after considerable persuasion on the part of his friends that he accepted the post of manager.

Earl has called a meeting of the candidates for tomorrow and it is likely the first practice will be held on Sunday afternoon. The Merchant yard has plenty of baseball talent, provided they can be induced to join the team, and with Mack at the helm the athletic committee feels that a big problem has been solved.

### Summer Weather Causes George Burns to Report

### Star First Baseman Dons Uniform and Indulges in Some Fine Batting Practice; to Play West Point Saturday Afternoon

Roses Park, Jacksonville, Fla., where the Athletics did their preliminary training last spring, at no time during their stay presented a more ideal picture of early spring than did Shibe Park yesterday afternoon. It was as if Florida temperature, pains and ail, had been temporarily transferred north especially for the benefit of Manager Mack and his ball players.

George Burns, the hefty hitter, could not resist the temptation to get in uniform yesterday afternoon. He was one of the first out. He looks in the pink of condition. Burns did not perform long around the initial sack, but devoted most of his time in wielding the willow. He stepped into some of the left-handed deliveries with the same viciousness that marked many of his long drives last summer. Batting just comes natural to this Philadelphia boy and swatting the horsehide is to him the supreme satisfaction of ball playing.

Manager Mack announced that the first game of the season would be played with West Point on Saturday. It originally was intended to meet Swarthmore at Shibe Park next Tuesday in the first regular contest, but Hans Lohert, who is coaching the Cadets, was in Philadelphia yesterday, and when he asked Mr. Mack if he would play at the Point next Saturday, the tall tactician readily agreed. While it is unlikely that the Athletics will have a regular team to take to West Point, Mr. Mack has wired Second Baseman Shannon and Shortstop Dugan to report as soon as possible. They may be here "day or tomorrow and get a little practice before re-engaging in a game.

Bob Greary, the boy with a "noogie," reported yesterday and engaged in two workouts. Taylor is now the only pitcher who has not reported. Mr. Mack expects him by the last of the week and by Monday at the latest. The athletic committee feels that a little variation in the routine of the Mack battery men in

### SHOEMAKER WINS TITLE

### New York A. C. Entry Gains National Billiard Honors

New York, March 26.—Howard Shoemaker, of the New York Athletic Club, won the national amateur pocket billiards title last night by defeating William Tilt, of the Calumet Club, of this city, 12 to 25. This was a play-off of the tie for first place in the championship tournament which ended here Saturday. Each player had won five games and lost one. Tilt was decidedly out of form, while Shoemaker made runs of 26 and 25.

### Bates' Athletic Director Dies

Leicester, Me., March 26.—Royce D. Purinton, director of athletics at Bates College, died suddenly yesterday at a sanatorium of heart failure. Mr. Purinton recently returned from France, where he was engaged in Y. M. C. A. work.

### Yale Has First Outdoor Drill

New Haven, Conn., March 26.—Thirty-four Yale baseball candidates reported to Billy Lauer yesterday for the first outdoor practice.

### Boys' Club to Hold Meet

The Y. M. C. A. Boys' Club Clean Sports Alliance will hold a swimming meet at the Germantown Y. M. C. A. tank on Saturday night, when more than 200 boys are expected to compete.

### PHILS DRILL ON DAY OF ARRIVAL IN CAMP

### Manager Coombs on Hill and Baffles in Opening-Day Session at Charlotte

### CRAVATH IN PRACTICE

Charlotte, N. C., March 26.

JACK COOMBS can still pitch perfectly good baseball. Old Colby John, from man of other days when they brought championships and world series pennants out to Twenty-first street and Lehigh avenue, may be through as far as going the long route in add day out is concerned, but he showed a few tricks out of his assortment to the squad of rookies he led out to the field yesterday.

It was a day of big surprises. The Philadelphia bunch barely had landed at the hotel when along came C. Cactus Gavy Cravath from his point of hibernation somewhere out among the redwoods of the Pacific coast. With him trotted Gene Packard, the little southpaw flinger Coombs got in St. Louis.

Coombs gave them about seven minutes to shake the travel dust and alkali off their clothes. He then hied the whole crowd off to the ball park out in the wilds, past a typical southern cluster of hovels harboring dusky citizens, all of whom seemed to have a speaking acquaintance with Jake Munch, probably remembering the days when Jake used to drive them over the right-field fence here.

### Tropical Sun

The sun was hot enough to make a porcupine sweat through his quills, and everybody was figuring on the nearest swimming hole when Coombs ordered the whole squad to line up and take turns at bat.

He went out to the mound himself. Jack Adams was the first batter up, and Coombs nearly scared him to death by throwing up a peach of a curve which Bill Shetsline called a strike. Adams swung at the next two and missed them both. Coombs had something and Adams couldn't see the pill come floating past.

Cravath was the first and only batter to whale the ball out of the park. He slammed one past Coombs so fast Jack said a prayer, and it kept climbing until it passed over the fence, and created quite a commotion by landing in a washtub where a dusky lady was busy on the week's laundry.

### Gavy vs. Jack

None of the players knew what to make of it when Coombs and Cravath picked sides and went into a regular ball game, with Joe Oeschger and Frank Woodward serving them up.

It was a free-hitting sort of affair, mainly because only the heavy hitters on each team got a chance at the bat, and the humorous side of it was that both Gavy and Jack thought they were fooling each other by letting the sluggers bat out of turn.

The population of Charlotte seems to have forgotten where their ball park is located. There were only about twenty-five of the natives on hand to look over the proceedings and they evidently wondered who let the nut foundry loose on the town.

Camp Greene, one of the National Army cantonments, is located about a mile from town and a few soldiers drifted in to see if they could borrow some baseballs, as the camp is just about closing up and both the Knights

### Gillespie Rivals Kauff as Giant Beau Brummel

Gainesville, Fla., March 26.—Benny Kauff, who has long held the limelight as the sartorial wonder of the Giants, has a dangerous rival in this respect in Jack Gillespie, the diminutive Harlem Scotchman, who is an infielder in the squad now working out under John McGraw at Gainesville.

Every time Jack makes his appearance in the lobby or dining room of the White House he has on a different suit, and his raiment equals in brilliance anything which the illustrious Benny ever displayed on his person. Jack is without doubt the best-dressed rookie ever seen in a Giant camp.

of Columbus and the Y. M. C. A. virtually have shut up shop.

### Aid Doughboys

The doughboys said all they had to do was play ball, and all they needed to play ball was a baseball, so they got one, with a promise of more whenever they want them, despite the fact that only a limited stock is on hand.

One of the rookie liars is named Casazza, and he's a southpaw. That answers all questions as to his responsibility. Yesterday he saw Coombs curving them and wanted to make an impression. He curvied one at Cravath and the ball hit the fence out in some virgin pasture land at the extreme center-field corner. Casazza's main object in life now is to get a hook past Cravath.

The next couple of days will be spent by Coombs whipping the entire squad into shape for the opening game against Davidson College on Saturday.

Irish Meuse is also on his way, according to Cravath, while Cy Williams is due any day.

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