

IT'S AN OPTIMISTIC GUESS TO PICK THE PHILS FOR NO WORSE THAN EIGHTH PLACE THIS YEAR

PHILS LISTED EIGHTH AMONG EIGHT CLUBS IN SOUTHERN CAMPS

Sixth, Seventh or Last Place Optimistic Guess for Fate of Jack Coombs's Clan—Team Much Weaker in Hitting Than Last Year

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Charlotte, N. C., April 7. THE Phillies will not set the world afire or cause any signs of nervousness among the other National League clubs this year. Not even through the wildest stretch of imagination can one consider the 1919 aggregation a pennant possibility, nor could the weirdest dopest hand the team a first division place.

This is the eighth big league training camp I have visited, and the Phils are the eighth best ball club I have seen. This is a brutally frank statement, but the other clubs have shown more and have much brighter prospects. I cannot see one spot where the team has been strengthened; in fact, it is the reverse.

Baird at third base is an excellent fielder, but cannot hit like Milton Stock. Stock always was a dangerous batter and no one could find fault with his fielding. That makes two infield positions slightly weaker than last year.

THE other extra infielder is Wallace, a college kid from Washington College, Chestertown, Md. Wallace is a flashy fielder, but his arm is none too strong and he is a poor batter.

Oeschger Showing Up Well

WHEN Bradley Hogz decided to wrestle with his extensive law practice in Americus, Ga., instead of dishing curves and slants to the opposing batsmen, the pitching staff lost a very good man.

These are the experienced, dependable hurlers on the payroll. Eppa Tuxey still is in France and is expected back, but he cannot be depended upon now.

THERE are four youngsters on the squad and a couple are likely to make good. Woodcock, Faircloth, Casazza and Stringer are talking hard under the supervision of Jack Coombs, and learning something new every day.

Woodward Makes Hit With Coombs

WOODWARD probably will stick with the big show, for he has every appearance of a good pitcher. He was with the club last year, but did not take his job seriously.

Faircloth, who already has been nicknamed "Rags," also looks like a hurler who will stick around for some time. He is a college phenom, but is developing rapidly under Coombs. Casazza is a left-hander from Brooklyn, and acts like both.

THE infield is the pitching department, and draw your own conclusions. No one man can be considered a star, although four are fairly good mousetrappers.

Coombs Has Ball Club and That's All

JACK COOMBS has a mighty tough job on his hands and too much cannot be expected of him this year. This is Jack's first attempt at managing a big league club, and he faces a task which would make even the most experienced pilots run for cover.

For a new man, Coombs is very popular with the players and they are not lying down on the job. They are working hard for him and, incidentally, learning some inside baseball they never dreamed of. Cooby Jack has some new ideas which are meeting with success, and before the season is half over he should have one of the smartest teams in the league.

The outfield is the strongest department and will be one of those changeable affairs. Captain Gavage Whitely will be the regular left fielder, with Williams in center and Callahan in right when a right-handed pitcher is working on the other team.

Jack Adams is the best catcher, with Forest Cady and Yeabsey as alternates. Cady says he has recovered from last year's slump and will make good.

A YOUNGSTER named Bradley, who has been playing down in Panama, is expected any day. He is said to be a good catcher.

Jack Picks Phils for Fifth Place

COOMBS is not predicting a pennant or even the first division, but says he has a good ball club. He is confident his men will give a good account of themselves this year.

"I might not have a winning ball club," said Jack, "but it will be a mighty interesting one. The boys will play some very hard games and some of those managers who imagine they will come to Philadelphia and take four or five straight. Every man on the team is a fighter, and I know they will not quit until the last man has been retired in the last inning."

NO ONE can blame Coombs for his optimism, and his players have the same outlook. They will not give in without a struggle, and the one looks hopeless with the other clubs in the league more strongly fortified than last year.

CHAMPION KILBANE SHOWS REAL CLASS

Scores Second Victory Within Week, Beating Artie O'Leary at National

FOX VS. TIPLITZ TONIGHT

Classy Featherweights Meet in Main Bout at Olympia—Mullin Opposes Daley

By JAMES S. CAROLAN

A delayed rally alone deprived Johnny Kilbane, the featherweight king, from registering his second consecutive knockout of the week in this city in a bloody battle at the National A. A. Saturday night.

As the final round was drawing to a close, the champion finally succeeded in drawing Artie O'Leary, the New York entry, out of his shell and the subsequent hail of short, cutting blows to the head virtually had O'Leary out on his feet.

It was most evident from the start that the rangy New Yorker was in the ring to linger the limit. Keeping his shoulders high, his guard close, O'Leary fought most cautiously from his shell-like defense.

Rallies in Fifth

For four rounds Kilbane had difficulty in penetrating the New Yorker's defense. Left jabs to the face were the only blows that reached the mark.

No blood was shed until the fifth, and it was these two driving rights to the nose that did the destructive work. Thereafter, even a feint would send O'Leary's guard down and twice he had close calls from short rights which missed their mark by inches.

Then came the final inning. Kilbane, determined to do something to break the turtle like defense, started to crack the armor by walking in to the alert O'Leary. A rapid exchange followed in mid ring in which O'Leary's right caught Johnny flush on the mouth and drew the blood from a cut on the inside of the lip.

O'Leary Lucky

Kilbane began to shoot in wicked rights to the face and left hooks to the body. Two left hooks to the chin drove O'Leary into a neutral corner. Twice Johnny was poised to drive home the final blow and twice O'Leary unconsciously reeled out of range of the punch.

As the crowded house arose to its feet and screamed vociferously for a knockout, the blood-covered O'Leary rushed blindly into a clinch. Shortly after the breakaway Kilbane caught O'Leary with a left to the face, but before more damage could be inflicted the gong ended the battle.

Another Record House

For the third consecutive time, Kilbane packed in a record house in this city. In his meeting with Brown he broke the record for ordinary prices by jamming \$4500 into the Olympia. Last Monday night close to \$4400 was paid to see him, while Saturday he broke the record for the National, set in the Fox-Louisiana bout, by playing to nearly \$4300.

Matchmaker Jack Hanlon announced after the fight that an effort was being made to have Kilbane appear at the National on April 19. The prospective opponent was not named. It is virtually certain that it will not be Frankie Brown.

In the semi windup Joe Marks, substituting for Gusnie Lewis, fought Dave Meter, of New York, in a standstill, earning a draw. The third round Sailor Ed Trembley, a winner over Johnny Wolgast, the latter a brother of Ad, the former lightweight champion.

George Chaney and Jack Husse meet in the main bout at the National one week from tonight.

Fox at Olympia

Kilbane was anxious to remain over to see the Joey Fox-Joe Tiplitz battle at the Olympic tonight, but was unable to linger.

Fox will appear for the fourth time in this city when he takes on the slugger Tiplitz. The New York boy should force Fox to extend himself. He has a good left hook and this is likely to cause the English featherweight plenty of trouble.

Tiplitz acted as a second for Reese in the Reese-Fox meeting at the National. After the battle, Tiplitz announced his readiness to battle Fox. Johnny Malone and Abe Friedman clash in the semi windup. The third session will find two good boys entertaining in the person of Eddie Mullin, of Kensington, and Frankie Daley.

The other bouts present Wally Nelson vs. Eddie Walsh, and Ray Ennis vs. Goodie Welsh.

LONDON AFTER BOUT

Promoters Offer \$100,000 for Willard-Dempsey Fight

London, April 7.—British boxing promoters are attempting to obtain for London the heavyweight championship fight, for which Jess Willard and Jack Dempsey have been matched for July 4.

Willard and Dempsey have been advised that a purse of £20,000 will be split as they desire if the bout is held here.

WHEN A FELLER NEEDS A FRIEND



VINCENT RICHARDS TO PLAY FOR GERMANTOWN CRICKET

National Indoor Champion Will Represent Local Club in the Tristate League This Season

By ROBERT T. PAUL

VINCENT RICHARDS, the sixteen-year-old youth who so startled the tennis world last Friday by defeating Bill Tilden in the final round for the national indoor championship over in New York, will represent the Germantown Cricket Club one of the Tristate Tennis League this season.

Richards right now is the greatest figure of the American tennis courts. Only sixteen years old, he had made the unique records of winning six national titles in less than a year. His rapid advance has caused many to predict the national outdoor championship for him in two years.

Will Have Strong Team

The acquisition of Richards will give the Germantown Cricket Club one of the strongest tennis teams in the East. In addition to Richards the organization has such well known stars as Bill Tilden, runner-up to Richards for the indoor title, who is captain of the team; Stanley Pearson, F. W. Wister, S. N. Peacock, W. H. Connell and Bill Nassau.

Germantown was not represented in the Tristate league last season. This year, however, through the efforts of Bill Tilden a team will be organized. The other members of the Tristate organization are Plymouth, Wilmington, Camden, Haddonfield, Overbrook, Moorestown and Rivertown.

It is mainly through the efforts of Tilden that Richards will play for Germantown this season. The local star and Gotham youth are the best of friends, and credit for Richards' sensational playing is partly due to the coaching received from Tilden. They are the national outdoor and indoor doubles champions. This week they will compete in the tournament down at Pinehurst.

Germans Barred

That the German taint will not find its way into international lawn tennis for many years, if ever again, is indicated by the action taken last week.

PENN GOLF PAIRINGS

Individual Championship Tourney Starts at Merion Today

Competition for the individual golf championship at Penn will begin this afternoon over the Merion Cricket Club course.

The drawings for the first round are as follows:

R. K. Round vs. F. L. Patterson, H. E. Calves vs. George Webster, H. K. Hanson vs. George Webster, F. S. Meyer vs. E. D. Brunett, M. Beraman vs. J. Labbe, R. Heilbronner vs. Daniel Rhoads, L. P. Dodds vs. G. C. Davis, E. W. Stevenson vs. T. D. Seaman.

Boxing Revival in Nevada

Reno, April 7.—Return of boxing to Nevada under an act of the local Legislature will be staged in April 20, when Perry Lewis, of Ely, Nev., and Eddie Duffy, Salt Lake lightweight, will meet in a twenty-five round bout at Moana Springs.

First Sunday Game in Carlisle

Carlisle, Pa., April 7.—In the first athletic event ever held in Carlisle on Sunday, the United States Army Hospital No. 31 yesterday defeated St. Mary's Club, of Harrisburg, on Warner Field, 6 to 5.

Goulet Wins Newark Opener

Newark, April 7.—Fourteen thousand fans packed the Waldorpe in Newark yesterday and saw Eddie Goulet, the popular blond-haired cricketer, win the Mayor Gillen stakes, at five o'clock, the big day race of the afternoon. It was the opening meet of the season.

McLaughlin Displaying Old-Time Form on Coast

Ensign Maurice McLaughlin, former national singles champion, showed that his service in the navy has not affected his wonderful game. A few days ago at Coronado Beach, Calif., McLaughlin displayed his old time form by defeating Marvin Griffin, of San Francisco, and the state champion, by the score of 6-0, 7-0, 6-2 and 6-4. McLaughlin was all over the court in the first set and Griffin had no chance to find himself.

In the final of the women's singles May Sutton Bundy defeated Miss Helen Baker, of San Francisco, in straight sets 6-0, 8-6 and 6-2. In this match Mrs. Bundy showed great staying powers.

by the English Lawn Tennis Association forbidding any British player from entering any tournament in which subjects of the Central powers are allowed to compete.

Following the lead of the English associations, the Commission Centrale Lawn Tennis Association, of France, adopted a similar ruling, and it will not be surprising to hear that Italy, Belgium and other nations of the Allies have raised the bars against the Germans.

Washburn in Charge

Captain Watson M. Washburn, of New York, a former Metropolitan champion, who is now with the A. E. F. in France, has been designated to take charge of the tennis activities in the A. E. F., acting as assistant to Colonel Wait C. Johnson, athletic officer for the American army in France.

Captain Washburn is planning a series of divisional tournaments this spring, to be followed by team matches between the division, corps and army troops, the winning team in each army area and the S. O. S. to play off at Paris at the A. E. F. games in the latter part of May.

In addition, attempts are being made to hold an individual championship tournament in both singles and doubles immediately preceding the team matches, open to five entrants from each division.

HAVANA RACES END

Large Crowd Attends Final Events at Oriental Park

Havana, April 7.—The racing season of 1918-1919 held at Oriental Park came to an end yesterday with the running of an excellent program of seven events before a great crowd.

Tomorrow morning there will be a special exodus for Maryland, made up of the following stables: M. J. Kennedy, G. R. Bryson, A. H. Diaz, F. D. Weir, E. T. Zolozoff, Col. D. Estampes, G. H. Ridge, S. Pold, E. Scholke, H. Bowen, L. Brown and H. E. Leigh.

CAMP LEE DEFEATED

Soldiers Lose Soccer Game to All-Star Eleven

Camp Lee was defeated by the Allied all-star soccer eleven, 2 goals to 0, yesterday afternoon in a game played on the Hog Island athletic grounds. Ninety-fourth street and Tintin avenue. As the score will testify, the game was closely contested. For twenty minutes of play the soldiers held their opponents in check.

Morse-Eleven Downs Robbins

New York, April 7.—A battle royal took place at Lenox Oval yesterday when the "Red" eleven, captained by Bobbie of Brooklyn, clashed in their replated first round southern New York stakes with the "Blue" eleven, captained by Mike Egan. The "Red" eleven won the match by a score of 3 to 2.

Tennis Stars at Pinehurst

Pinehurst, N. C., April 7.—Vincent Richards, the new national indoor champion, will compete in the North and South tennis tournament which will begin here today. William T. Tilden, S. Howard Young and I. E. Fitch are also expected to enter. Miss Marion Zinsmeister and Miss Eleanor Goss will play in the women's tournament.

NATIONS OF EUROPE MAY AWAKEN TO VAST SPORTS ADVANTAGES

Americans Showed Proper Spirit This Year in Declining to Issue Any International Challenge, Giving Europeans Chance to Get Started Again

IN THE SPOTLIGHT—By GRANTLAND RICE

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To a Veteran

This is your last trip South, Your final journey Down where the red sun thaws out ancient arms. This is your last trip North To start the season And know once more the Old Game's endless charms.

Your day is waning fast, But of the band, You are the last To know or understand.

Soak in once more the cheers that come your way And let your ancient system hold each throbb; For by next April, who'll remember you Against the kid they're training for your job?

For fifteen years you've heard them cheering for you, But you'll be haunted through each coming spring By ghosts and dreams of great one-handed catches, By phantoms of old crocods that called you King.

This is your final April, In the harness, Which all, except you, Know here in the band; Yes, we can tell it—and your mates have whispered—I wonder why you, too, can't understand?

The Proper Spirit

THOSE who control sport in America took the proper stand in declining to issue any international challenge this year, giving our European competitors a chance to readjust and get started again.

This applies especially to Great Britain, the sole European nation that goes in for sport as keenly as we do here. The United States and Great Britain virtually control the sportive destinies of the world. Germany has always been a nonentity. France has indulged to a slight extent, but neither France nor Italy has been a serious rival save in a few belated instances.

But for tennis, golf, polo, boxing and the wider field—the big clashes always have been between the United States and Great Britain. Before the war broke out Great Britain had repelled our golfing assault and had won supremacy in polo and lawn tennis. So there will be something worth while to shoot at when we return again to the international field. But it will take at least a year for Great Britain to regain even a fair grip upon her sporting fortunes, and it may be that several years will be needed to have her once more on her feet.

IT IS just as well to remember that if it wasn't for England and her colonies or dominions there could be no international competition left for the U. S. of A.

Later On

IT MAY be that with the readjustments of follow, leading European nations will wake up to the vast advantages of sport.

Germany may discover that it is more fun and more profitable to prepare for a big international sporting carnival than it is to train for a big war. Japan, too, is taking up sport with a rush, and already has gone in very keenly for both baseball and lawn tennis.

JAPAN is smart enough to know the great value sport can be to any nation—first proof of which was furnished by the ancient Greeks.

Oxford vs. Cambridge

WE SEE that despite the terrific blow both were struck by the war, Oxford and Cambridge are to meet again on the water. They have gone back to sport in England with fine courage, resuming along all possible lines. Oxford's return to sport recalls the lines written during the war:

"You left the ancient river, The cricket field—the quad— The shaven lawns of Oxford, To seek a bloody sod; You gave your merry youth away For country and for God.

"God rest you, happy gentlemen, Who laid your good lives down; Who took the khaki and the gun In place of cap and gown; God bring you to a fairer place Than even Oxford town."

Youth Must Stand the Test

THE query has been advanced as to the name of the youngest ball player that ever took part in a major league game. As we recall it, Eugene Demontreville was only seventeen when he came to Ned Hanlon, and Jack Knight wasn't much older when he left high school to join the Athletics. But having no exact statistics upon the subject, no further reply is possible just now.

Cobb was nineteen when he joined the Tigers in 1905. But there are several who have been major leaguers around nineteen.

NOT very many—for the simple reason that a ball player must show something before he is yanked through the main portals of the game.

Half Strides

The best excuse in the world can never fully blot out the Final Score.

Did you ever stop and contemplate how seldom you have beaten a competitor who was neither sick nor had passed a poor night?

JESS WILLARD will spot Jack Dempsey forty-five or fifty pounds when they meet. But he will also spot him fourteen or fifteen years. Which is quite another matter.

J. K. R.—Zbyszko would be wrestling champion if it wasn't for the fact that Egri Caddock is. But this is a mere detail of the wrestling contingent. Their idea is that if Caddock was foolish enough to get into the army and leave for France, why shouldn't he be counted out of things?

Advertisement for Herbert Tareyton London Cigarettes. Features a portrait of a man in a top hat and the text: 'There's something about them you'll like.' 'Twenty to the package.' 'Herbert Tareyton London Cigarettes.'