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 nervous ness among the other National League clubs this year. Not even through he wildest stretch of imagination can one consider the 1919 aggregation a nnant possibility, nor could the weirdest dopester hand the team a first division place. Either sixth, seventh or eighth would be an optimistic guess, for there is nothing about the ball club which could arouse any

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 but the other clubs have shown more and have much brighter I cannot see one spot where the team has been strengthened; in fact, it is the reverse. Second base still is in doubt, for Ray Morgan has not yet signed the papers and the chances are he will be dropped. Harry Pearce, utifity infleider last year and a steady, hard-working though not brilliant player, is guarding the sack and seems to be getting by. Harry is a good fielder, but a weak hitter. If he could improve his stickwork he would be an ideal man for the job

Stock. Stock always was a dangerous batter and no one could find fault with his fielding. That makes two infield positions slightly weaker than has year. Bancroft is the best shortstop in the league and is doing the best he can in this climate, and Luderus continues to play his usual steady game at first. Ludy is lighter and much faster than last year and is hitting well. Jake Munch, a left-handed first baseman, who played with Atlanta and was given a tryout and later his unconditional release by Connie Mack, is on the squad and shows lots of promise, but needs more experience. He hits well, is fairly fast and in another year or two will

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. He is going on a long journey in the near future. The Phils need a highclass infielder who can play second base, so Pearce could be used

Oeschger Showing Up Well

WHEN Bradley Hogg 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. Jack Coombs could have made him an excellent moundsman, perhaps the best on the club. As it is, line Oeschger will be the top hurler, for he is showing exceptional form this year. Coombs is pleased with his work and does not hesitate to say so.

Elmer Jacobs also is in good shape and Mike Prendergast is coming along nicely. Mule Watson, who worked in a shippard last winter instead of loafing in the corner barber shop, is in wonderful physical condition and evidently anxious to get into the game. He was only four days late in reporting this year. In previous years it used to take him from two weeks to a month to locate the training camp. Gene Packard, who was obtained from St. Louis in the Stock deal, is a hard worker and will be very useful to the club. He is a good man to finish a game and it would not be surprising to see him take his regular turn in the box.

These are the experienced, dependable hurlers on the payroll. Eppa Rixey still is in France and is expected back, but he cannot be depended ipon now. Jack Coombs must struggle along with five passable veterans. who may or may not come through with the goods.

THERE are four youngsters on the squad and a couple are likely to make good. Woodward, Faircloth, Casazza and Stringer are tolling 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 set take his job veriously. He was worried about the war and, after returning from St. Petersburg, enlisted in the navy. He has a good fast ball, his control is excellent and he possesses all kinds of nerve. Coombs mays he is one of the most likely looking kids he has seen for some time

Faircloth, who already has been nicknamed "Rags," also looks like a furler who will stick around for some time. He is a college phenom, but developing rapidly under Coombs. Casazza is a left-hander from Brooklyn. and acts like both. He has lots of speed, but at times finds it difficult to scate the plate. When he steadies down and gets control he will be a good pitcher. Stringer, who was a lieutenant in our army last year, is going far, far away in a short time. At present he is pitching to the baters, which is a bad sign.

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

Coombs Has Ball Club and That's All

TACK 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. He has a ball club, but that's all me can say about it. If he finishes in the first division he will be baseall's greatest miracle man.

For a new man, Coombs is very popular with the players and they are lying down on the job. They are working hard for him and, incidentally, learning some inside baseball they never dreamed of. Colby 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. Nothing is too trivial to explain, and when he is telling a player what he should to in a certain case seven or eight other players always gather around to get an earful. Coombs knows baseball, knows how to teach it, is popular rith the players and would have lots of success had he a strong team. At that, he is likely to surprise some of the wise ones, for no one can tell what will happen after the season starts.

The outfield is the strongest department and will be one of those changeable affairs. Captain Gawge Whitted will be the regular left fielder. Williams in center and Callahan in right when a right-handed pitcher working on the other team, and Meusel in center and Gavvy Cravath in right against the left-handers. Callahan comes from Brooklyn and is a fast little player, resembling Fitzgerald, who was with the club last year. Meusel, Williams and Cravath are in fairly good shape despite the cool

Jack Adams is the best catcher, with Forest Cady and Yeabsley as rnates. Cady says he has recovered from last year's slump and will make good. If he comes through he will be a valuable man for the club, for he is an experienced backstop and a wonder at taming wild and reck less young pitchers.

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

Jack Picks Phils for Fifth Place

COMBS 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 acint of themselves this year.

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

You will be surprised when you see that team in action. It might not very good now, but don't be fooled about the future. We will not last or anywhere near it. The way I dope out the pennant race is go, Pittsburgh, New York, Cincinnati, Philadelphia, Boston, Brooklyn Louis. Just wait and see if I am not right, and don't be surprised slip into the first division. Stranger things than that have happened."

to ONE can blame Coombs for his optimism, and his players have the same thoughts. They will not give in without a struggle, the cope looks hopeless with the other clubs in the league more y fortified than last year. I still must stick to my first other sixth, seventh or clybth.

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 John ny Kilbane, the featherweight king. from registering his second consecutive knockout of the week in this city in a bloody buttle 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. As Kilbane was measuring carefully the distance for the finishing punch the gong sounded and the spir-

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. He did no leading, blocked and made half hearted efforts to punish only in the clinches.

Rallies in Fifth

For four rounds Kilbane had difficulty in penetrating the New Yorker's dofense. Left jabs to the face were the only blows that reached the mark. Starting with the fifth the Cleveland idol managed to insert a punch in the form of a right uppercut which started O'Leary on the way to defeat. Two of these smashing uppercuts during the round had O'Leary wabbling and weak.

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

Kilbane began to shoot in wicked O'Leary into a neutral corner. Twice mantown Cricket Club in the Johnny was poised to drive home the state Tennis League this season. final blow and twice O'Leary unconsciously refiled out of range of the

As the crowded house arose to its rushed blindly into a clinch. Shortly rushed blindly into a clinch. Shortly after the breakaway Kilbane caught of Leary with a left to the face, but before more damage could be inflicted Will Have Strong Team the gong ended the battle.

Another Record House

For the third consecutive time, Kilbane packed in a record house in this In his meeting with Brown he the record for ordinary prices by jamming \$4500 into the Olympia. Bill Tilden a team will be organized. 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 Hanton announced after the fight that an effort was bethe National on April 19. The prospective opponent was not named. It be Frankie Brown.

In the semi windup Joe Marks, sub-Dave Meter, of New York, to a standstill, earning a draw. The third found Sailor Ed Trembley a winner over Johnny Wolgast, the latter a brother of Ad, the former lightweight cham-

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

Fox at Olympia

Kilbane was anxious to remain over Individual Championship Tourney Large Crowd Attends Final Events to see the Joey Fox-Joe Tiplitz battle at the Olympic tonight, but was unable to linger.

ging Tiplitz. The New York boy should force Fox to extend himself. He has a good left hook and this is likely to ause the English featherweight plenty as follows: of trouble.

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

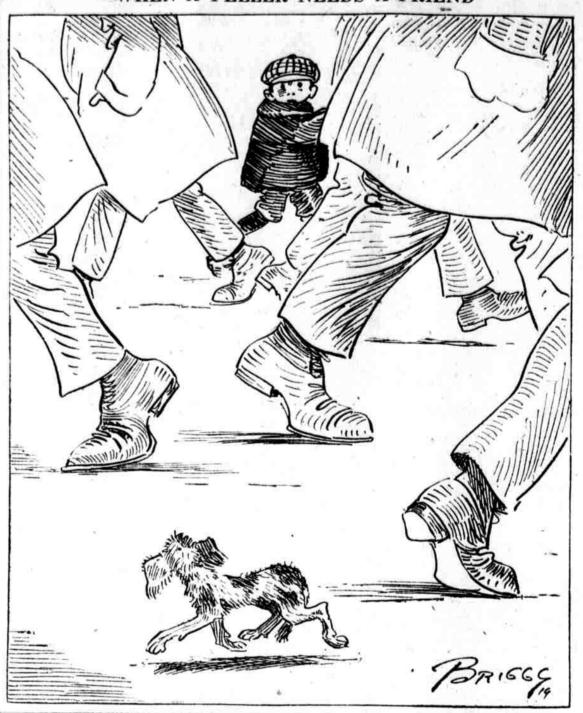
of Kensington, and Frankie Daley. The other bouts present Wally Nei vs. Eddie Walsh, and Ray Ennis vs. Goodie Welsh.

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 Wilard and Jack Dempsey have been matched for July
4. Willard and Dempsey have been advised that a purse of £20,000 will be aplit as they desire if the bout is held here. Newark, April 7.—Fourteen thousand fans packed the Velodrome in Newark vesterday and saw Affred Goullet, the popular blond-haired cyclist, win the Mayor Gillen stakes, at five idilec, the big blue race of the after-nen. It was the opening meet af the see-

WHEN A FELLER NEEDS A FRIEND



FOR GERMANTOWN CRICKET MAINLINE READY VINCENT RICHARDS TO PLAY

McLaughlin Displaying

Old-Time Form on Coast

Ensign Maurice McLaughlin, for-mer 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-Grif-

fin, of San Francisco, and the state

champion, by the score of 6-0, 7-9, 6-2 and 6-4. McLaughlin was all

over the court in the first set and

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

entering any tournament in which sub

Lawn Tennis Association, of France.

not be surprising to hear that Italy.

Belgium and other nations of the Al-

Captain Watson M. Washburn, of

great staying powers.

Germans.

Griffin had no chance to find him

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

By ROBERT T. PAUL

VINCENT RICHARDS, the sixthe tennis world last Friday by defeating Bill Tilden in the final round for rights to the face and left hooks to the the national indoor championship over body. Two left hooks to the chin drove in New York, will represent the Ger mantown Cricket Club in the Tri-

Richards right now is the greatest figure of the American tennis courts. Only sixteen years old, he had made feet and screamed vociferously for a tional titles in less than a year. His the blood-covered O'Leary rapid advance has caused many to

The acquisition of Richards will give jects of the Central powers are allowed Kilbane boxed a brilliant battle. He Germantown Cricket Club one of the to compete. worked overtime in the early rounds to strongest tennis teams in the East. In shatter that O'Leary defense, but every- addition to Richards the organization thing failed. Only the introduction of has such well known stars as Bill Tilthat right uppercut from a shift "for- den, runner-up to Richards for the inmation" solved the attack for Kilbane. door title, who is captain of the team;
Stanley Pearson, F. W. Wister, S. N. Peacock, W. H. Connell and Bill Nas- lies have raised the bars against the

Germantown was not represented in the Tristate league last season. This Washburn in Charge year, however, through the efforts of organization are Plymouth, Wilmington. Cynwyd, Belfield, Overbrook,

Moorestown and Rivertown. It is mainly through the efforts of Colonel Wait C. Johnson, athletic offimantown this season. The local star virtually certain that it will not coaching received from Tilden. They troops, the winning team in each army are the national outdoor and indoor nrea and the S. O. S. to play off at doubles champions. This week they Paris at the A. E. F. games in the the best a hard test. stituting for Gassie Lewis, fought will compete in the tournament down latter part of May.

Germans Barred

That the German taint will not find tournament in both singles and doubles its way into international lawn tennis immediately preceding for many years, if ever again, is in- matches, open to five entrants from dicated by the action taken last week each division.

PENN GOLF PAIRINGS

Starts at Merion Today

R. K. Round vs. F. L. Patterson.

R. K. Hanson vs. George Webster.

S. Meyer vs. E. D. Bresett.

E. W. Stevenson vs. T. D. Seamans

Boxing Revival in Nevada

First Sunday Game in Carlisle

Goullet Wins Newark Opener

M. Beraman vs. J. Labe. R. Heilbronner vs. Daniel Rhoads, L. P. Dodds vs. G. C. Davis.

H. E. Calves vs. George Webster.

HAVANA RACES END

at Oriental Park Competition for the individual golf

Havana, April 7 .- The racing seaso Fox will appear for the fourth time championship at Penn will begin this of 1918-1919 held at Oriental Park ning of an excellent program of seven events before a great crowd. The drawings for the first round are

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. Zollocoffer, Col. D. Estrampes, G. H. Ridge, S. Pold, F. Scholke, H. Bowen, L. Brown and H.

CAMP LEE DEFEATED

Soldiers Lose Soccer Game to All Star Eleven

Rene. April 7.—Return of boxing to Nevada under an act of the last Legislature will be unhersed in April 25. when Perry Lewis of Elly Nev. and Eddie Duffs. Salt Lake lightweight, will meet in a twenty-five round bout at Meana Springs. Camp Lee was defeated to 0, yesterday afternoon in a game on the Hog Island othletic grounds, Minety fourth street and Tini cum avenue. As the score will testify Carilste, Pa., April 7 — In the first athletic countries of the first and reliable on Sunday, the United States Army Hospital No. 31 yeater-day defeated St. Mary's Club. of Harrisburg, on Warner Field. 6 to 5. the game was closely contested. twenty minutes of play the ordiers held beir opponents in check.

> Morse-Eleven Downs Robbins New York, April 7.—A battle royal took are at Lenor Oval yesterday, when the al dockers Morse and Robbins—of

Clubs and Season Will Be Divided for a big international sporting carnival than it is to train for a big war.

TO PLAY TWENTY GAMES

Enthusiasm among the followers of Main Line baseball is running high with announcement of the circuit for the coming season. Six teams will be in the league in R. G. Dun & Co., Autocar, Union A. A., West Chester, Narberth and Drexel Hill.

The last two have just been received and with experienced baseball men at the helm promise to lend added pres-

by the English Lawn Tennis Associatige to the Main Line League. tion forbidding any British player from The re-election of Charles McCres to the presidency was a good move, as the success of the league has been due Following the lead of the English in a big measure to his untiring efforts. associations, the Commission Centrale According to plans now formulated, a twenty game schedule will be in cf adopted a similar ruling, and it will

As in the past three seasons, the season will be divided into two halves and the winner of the first half will meet the winner of the second series at the New York, a former Metropolitan conclusion of the season for the pen-The other members of the Tristate champion, who is now with the A. E. nant. The first half comes to a close F. in France, has been designated to with a double-header on July 4 and the second half ends on Labor Day.

take charge of the tennis activities in the A. E. F., acting as assistant to Manager Frank Carroll, of the Tur-Tilden that Richards will play for Ger- cer for the American army in France. ner Field Club, which is going under Captain Washburn is planning a the colors of Marshall E. Smith this ing made to have Kilbane appear at and Gotham youth are the best of series of divisional tournaments this season, has solved the pitching problem friends, and credit for Richards's senspring, to be followed by team matches sational playing is partly due to the between the division, corps and army Philadelphia High phenom, to affix his John Hancock to a signature. area and the S. O. S. to play off at Rube Reed the club is ready to give

The Smith nine has been selected by at least three teams to open the season. In addition, attempts are being made On Saturday, April 19 they will pry open the lid with Southampton, of the to hold an individual championship Montgomery County League, and the following week are booked to tackle the Norristown Professionals. May 3 is open, pending final arrangements with Roy Thomas, who has practically selected this club to open Stetson Ball

Manager Carroll now has his club intact with the signing of Paddy Sylvester, who will cover third base. considers his pitchers the best two in ful success last season with Wildwood in this city when he takes on the slug- afternoon over the Merion Cricket Club came to an end yesterday with the run- and Gibbstown, and should easily make good with the Smith nine

KOHLEMAINEN TO RUN

Famous Finn Will Attempt "Comeback" This Summer

New York, April 7 .- Hannes Kohlemainen, the famous long distance runner, is going to atempt a "come back." On Saturday the Finn filed application to have his registration card transferred rom the Meadowbrook Club of the Middle Atlantic Association to the Metro-politan Association. He will probably Allied all-star soccer eleven, 2 goals compete in the fifteen-mile Metropolian championship run on May 17.

> Rematch Wrestling Stars Chicago, April 7 - Vladek Zhvezho, cialmant of the world's wrestling championship, has been matched to meet Ed "Strangier" Lewis, here April 28,

Tennis Stars at Pinehurst Pinchurst. N. C., April 7.—Vincent Rich-da, the new notional indeer champion, will impete in the North and South tennis four-ment which will begin here today. Wil-im T. Tilden, S. Howard Voshell and I

NATIONS OF EUROPE MAYAWAKEN TO VAST SPORTS ADVANTAGES

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

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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 throb; 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 crowds that called you King.

This is your final April In the harness; Which all, except you. Know here in the band Ves, 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 rewon 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

IT 18 just as well to remember that if it wasn't for England and her colonies or dominions there would be no international competition left for the U. S.of A.

Later On

Circuit Will Be Made Up of Six T MAY be that with the readjustments to 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

> Japan, too, is taking up sport with a rush, and already has gone in very keenly for both baseball and lawn tennis. TAPAN is smart enough to know the great value sport can be to

any nation-first proof of which was furnished by the ancient

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 gen 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 I 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 possi-Cobb was nineteen when he joined the Tigers in 1905. But there are

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

several who have been major leaguers around nineteen

· 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 competitor who was neither sick nor had passed a poor night?

TESS 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 Earl 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?

