

JACK COOMBS PROMOTES GAWGE WHITTED FROM RANK OF SERGEANT TO THAT OF CAPTAIN

BRAND NEW EXCUSE FOUND BY WHITTED FOR TARDY ARRIVAL

After Springing Holdout and Business Alibis, Phils' Captain Pulls Tonsil Operation on Jack Coombs to Escape Early Training Days

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Charlotte, N. C., April 8. GEORGE WHITTED, new captain of our Phils, arrived in schedule yesterday and aided the goofs in a 10 to 8 victory over the regulars in the best, largest and only ball park in this southern metropolis.

Whitted never goes through the early season grind of a training trip. He always manages to remain in Durham, N. C., until the last week and then joins his playmates. In 1917 he was a holdout and did not sign the papers until the boys were ready to leave St. Petersburg.

The first thing Gawge did when he arrived here was to hustle to Jack Coombs' room and insist that his seven operators take a look to see if there were any stray tonsils concealed about his person.

With Whitted on the ball club, Coombs has a very good outfield. Five high class men will do the outer gardening, using the reverse stuff on different pitchers.

CAP'S GAWGE is in great shape and modestly admits it. While negotiating in our army at Camp Merritt he learned to advise early and retire before sunrise.

Enjoy First Bit of Real Weather

YESTERDAY Coombs ordered a real nine inning battle between his varsity and scrubs, and the six or seven operators greatly enjoyed the fracas.

Helms Casazza, the southpaw, started for the varsity and was in trouble from the start. The scrubs, led by Cravath, Whitted, Gene Packard and Munch, walloped the ball all over the lot in the first inning and sent five runs over the rubber.

In the meantime, the first teamers began operating on the slants served by Woodward, but amassed but three counters in four frames.

The noted wallpaper, Cravath and Williams, scored homers, knocking the ball out of the park for the first time this year.

Williams had three hits during the afternoon, two being triples. Cravath also socked the ball for a trio of safeties, but refused to run further than first base.

THE best playing, however, was done by Gene Packard in left field. Gene made a sensational one-handed catch on Meusel's live drive in the sixth and spoiled a perfectly good home run.

More Obstacles in Pat Moran's Path

WHITTED handed out some interesting news last night about the other athletes who were stationed at Camp Merritt. He says Pukles Dillhoffler figured he could make more money in the army than playing with the St. Louis Cards.

However, and be that as it may, those birds are not yet out of the army and will not be turned loose for a couple of months at least.

With Bressler among the missing, Cincinnati will be up against it at the start of the season. The glowing reports of the chances of the Reds under Pat Moran are losing their glamour.

"Pat Moran, after all he has been through in the way of hurdles, barriers and bolts, can make a winner out of this ball club, he'll have Staling's work in 1914 dotted throughout. On February 1 the Cincinnati club looked like a winner all over, needing only practice to weld it into a formidable machine.

No Chance of Trading Bancroft

THE Phils had another lengthy workout today and the pitchers were kept busy from the start. Coombs seems to make a good showing against Washington and came back with a formidable machine to throw against the Athletics.

Further reports from Cincinnati state that Garry Herrmann will get on the job as soon as the Federal League case is disposed of in Washington and get some players for Pat Moran.

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Coombs Has Faith in Casazza

DESPITE his rather poor showing yesterday, Jack Coombs has a lot of hope for young Casazza. The Phils' loss has been giving the schoolboy a lot of his personal attention and he may turn into a first-rate pitcher with more seasoning.

Coombs first saw Casazza when the latter was a student at St. John's Academy in Brooklyn. The Dodgers invited the Brooklyn schoolboy to see Eddie's field for practice with the hope that some new stars would be discovered.

In the second bout, Walter Brooks, of Brooklyn, drew with Tommy Clark. This was another snafu. The opener was a win for Roy Egan over Goodie Welsh.

In the amateur bout, John Sappard beat Miller in the second round.

AIN'T IT A GRAND AND GLORIOUS FEELIN'?

Comic strip panels with dialogue. Panel 1: 'WHEN YOU LIVE IN A "FLAT" WHERE THE PARTITIONS ARE ALL TOO THIN... AND THERE'S A FAMILY NEXT TO YOU WHO HAS A DAUGHTER THAT PLAYS FINGER EXERCISES ON THE PIANO ALL DAY LONG... AND IT'S JUST ABOUT DRIVING YOU CRAZY... OH-H-BOY! AIN'T IT A GR-R-RAND AND GLOR-R-RIOUS FEELIN'?' Panel 2: 'YOU SEE HER TAKEN AWAY, MARRIED TO HER SOLDIER BOY WHO HAS JUST RETURNED FROM FRANCE - PIANO AND ALL!... AND THEN ONE DAY WHEN YOU HAVE DECIDED YOU'LL EITHER HAVE TO MOVE OR MAKE A COMPLAINT TO THE POLICE... HE WAS A NOBLY GIANT, BUT FEW COULD DRIVE A BALL ANY FURTHER THAN THE OLD CUB, WHO PROVED AGAIN THAT CORRECT TIMING HAD MORE THAN A LITTLE TO DO WITH THE WAY OF THINGS.'

TIPLITZ SURPRISES, DEFEATING JOEY FOX

Slashing Lefts to Body Enable New Yorker to Win Olympia Feature

JOHNNY MOLONEY IN DRAW

By JAMES S. CAROLAN. For the first time in four starts since his arrival in this city more than two months ago, Joey Fox, the English featherweight, departed from a local ring a vanquished gladiator.

Nineteenth Hole Soon Will Be Thing of Past

Feature of Golf Courses for More Than Four Centuries Goes Out of Existence the Thirtieth of June

By PETER PUTTER. out that the nineteenth hole costs him more than his golf dues, caddy fees and the amount of money he spends for golf balls.

ELIMINATION RACES FOR AMERICAN CREW

Paris, April 8.—The American crew which is to compete in the French-Inter-Allied eight-oared race on April 28 will be made up of some of the best-known oarsmen of American universities.

JACK RUSSO WINS

Trenton, N. J., April 8.—Jack Russo, of New Orleans, out-fought Harry Tracy, of Philadelphia, in the win-up of the show of the Trenton Athletic Club here tonight.

DRONEY BEATS HANSEN

Lancaster, Pa., April 8.—In the win-up at the West End Club last night Tim Droney, of Lancaster, beat Larry Hansen, of Allentown.

HOW ABOUT A Blue Serge Suit?

Boys, I have the grandest line of Sun and Weather Proof Serges in the universe. Come in \$25.00 and look them over. Navy Blue and black.

NEW YORK WRESTLERS WIN. New York, April 8.—New York University closed its wrestling season by winning from the Holy Street Seminary at the latter's gym. The score was 11 to 10.

WELTERWEIGHT CHAMP TAKES COUNT OF NINE; EARNs DRAW. Canton, O., April 8.—Jack Britton, of New York, welterweight champion of America, and Bryan Downey, of Columbus, boxed a twelve-round draw here last night, according to newspaper reports.

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MR. BLISS WINS AT PINEHURST. Pinehurst, N. C., April 8.—Small field took part in the Royal Folio golf tournament on the No. 1 course here yesterday. Mrs. E. C. Bliss, of Boston, won the first prize with a round of 108-16, 90.

HARTLEY AND BROWN SCORE. In the weekly interaction boxing contest held last night on the Casino Alley, Bob Hartley and Billy Brown made a great race and were never headed from the start.

LANCASTER BOY LANDS CLEANEST AND HARDEST PUNCHES. Lancaster, Pa., April 8.—In the win-up at the West End Club last night Tim Droney, of Lancaster, beat Larry Hansen, of Allentown.

OTTO O'KEEFE, of Allentown, won from Harry Ochs, of this city, in six rounds. O'Keefe outlasted Ochs, but no damage of consequence was inflicted.

JIM COFFEY SHADES CLIFFORD. Wilkes-Barre, Pa., April 8.—Jim Coffey, of New York, defeated Jack Clifford, of Brooklyn, here last night.

MONEY LOANED. No diamonds, watches, jewelry, or any goods of value. Unlimited capital.

IT'S SLUGGER, NOT HITTER, WHO LEAPS TO BASEBALL FAME

Big Batting Average Slow Guide to Popularity as Compared With Home-Run Road—Schulte, Circuit Clouter, Reached .300 Only Twice

IN THE SPOTLIGHT—By GRANTLAND RICE. (Copyright, 1919. All rights reserved.) The Old-Timer Speaks

I wonder where the wonderers are who crowned the ancient game? The good old bunch, like Kel and Del, who slugged their way to fame? Where are the huge hitters who glared amidst the fold? Or can it be that I can't see because my eyes are old?

I wonder where the old stars are who held the game's renown? Who tore the cover off the ball and knocked the fences down? Who gave the game a golden glow across the right of way— Or can it be that I have lost the eyes of yesterday?

Are there still types like Anson left—or Clarkson, Young or Kel? Do Delchamps still abound to seeing at a Waddell? Do Wagners romp before my view where Dautin swung the blow? Or can it be that I have lost the heart that used to know?

THE athlete who can rap the ball over the fence finds a far quicker way to fame than the one with a better average who fattens his mark upon the modest single or the almost equally modest double.

Observe the career of Frank Schulte, who is known as one of the great batsmen of the game. Schulte led his league in home runs one season, and at times had a free, clean swing that varied far.

He was no physical giant, but few could drive a ball any further than the old Cub, who proved again that correct timing had more than a little to do with the way of things.

A WINNING machine is a queer institution. In the last few years the Red Sox have lost Tris Speaker, Duffy Lewis, Dutch Leonard, Ernie Shore and others—yet they are still rated as the leading flag contender of their circuit.

How many machines could drop four stars—two brilliant, hard-hitting outfielders and two brilliant pitchers—and still have the nucleus of a winner left?

No wonder that old bunch was unbeatable if the remnant is still regarded as the most dangerous outfit in the circuit. A number of seasons will pass before any club collects three such outfielders as Lewis, Speaker and Hooper were enrolled upon the same roster.

VERY little has been said about the matter since Mr. Willard dropped his first eleven pounds. Can it be that he has reached solid bone that soon?

Baseball Poem. Just two weeks more And then The Old Box Score Again.

YOU say that few ball players quit while still in their prime," writes Y. L. H. "How about Hans Wagner? The old Pirate was only forty-three years old when he quit, and at the rate he was going he still had fifteen or twenty good years left. Do you mean to say that Wagner wouldn't have been a good average shortstop around sixty?"

THE golfer who tries to employ both hands equally on a short putt is almost sure to pull across the ball or to swing the club out of line. Walter J. Travis, for one example, is a right-hand putter, his left hand acting merely as a guide.

Did you ever notice that if you step up and make a one-handed putt from a short distance how seldom the putt is missed?

POLAND'S place in the headlines demands that all who care to be up to date should know more about this venerable kingdom. All we know about Poland is that her chief products are pianists and wrestlers. There must be other important facts at hand.

WARS come and go. Heroes flash up and fade out. The boundaries of nations change back and forth. But through the tumult and the strife—or through the drifts of peace in the quiet sun—Hank O'Day and Bob Emslie move serenely on their way—as little perturbed by the crash of the nations as they are by the sullen squawk of some player who has just been called out on strikes.

YALE GOLF DATES. Meet Penn Team at Garden City May 24. New Haven, April 8.—A schedule for the varsity golf team at Yale has been announced. The principal matches are: April 30, with Columbia, at Greenwich; May 8, with Georgia Tech., at New Haven; May 10, with Princeton, at Baltusrol; May 24, with Pennsylvania, at Garden City; May 31, with Harvard, at the Rhode Island Country Club.

SUNDAY BILL PASSES. Baseball Measure Now Goes to New York Governor. Albany, N.Y., April 8.—The Walker-Malone Sunday baseball bill passed the Assembly late last night by a vote of 82 to 60. The measure now goes to the governor. All of the Democrats voted for the measure, together with many Republicans.

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