

PHILS' BUSINESS MANAGER IS READY TO KNOCK OFF ANY KNOCKER OF COOMBS'S BALL CLUB

SHETTSLINE STARTS ON WARPATH AFTER PHILLIES' KNOCKERS

Wild Bill Digs Up Hatchet and Challenges Any One Who Throws Water on Optimistic Flames—Says Club Looks Like Best in Years

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BILL SHETTSLINE is on the warpath. The genial business manager has lost his sunny smile, dropped his easy-going ways and is bristling with aggressiveness.

Last night he held an indignation meeting and elected himself the orator of the evening. The fact that we were his audience made no difference—he would have hired a hall had it been necessary.

"What's this chatter about the flat-headed Phils and our limping ball club?" he demanded as he burst into our suite. "I am getting tired of reading about the poor prospects of the team and the terrible showing it is about to make.

"MORROW has that ancient infield, which may or may not crack under the strain; a great outfield, composed of fast, hard-kicking players; a couple of good catchers, but nothing to brag of in the pitching department. At that, the Giants look second best in the league; but outside of those two clubs, who can beat us?"

William Hands Bouquets to Phils

"HOW about Pittsburgh?" I ventured, just to make the argument interesting and not too one-sided.

"All right," responded Bill, "let's see what they have out there. Take the line-up of the club. Caton, at shortstop, does not compare with Bancroft. Every one will admit that. Carey is a good center fielder and probably has a shade on Williams and Meusel. But how about Saier or Mollwitz at first? Neither compares with Lederer. Southworth is in left field, but he will not be as good as Whitted. He hit well last year, but will not be nearly so effective this season.

"Then there is Bigbee in right field. He will not win as many ball games as Callahan or Cravath, so we look stronger in five positions in the outfield and infield. Schmidt is a very good catcher, but so is Jack Adams. Sweeney also will play well and is better than Cady. Perhaps Pittsburgh is slightly stronger, there as well as in the pitching department. They have Cooper, Earl Hamilton, who won six straight last year before going into the army; Erk Mayer, Adams and Evans. We have Jacobs, Gessinger, Woodward, Packard, Faircloth and Prendergast. The first three will win many ball games. Packard is a great relief man, and if the others show anything we will not be so bad.

"At any rate, I must confess we do not seem very strong in the box, but there is a chance for improvement. For that reason it must be admitted that on paper the Phils have as good a chance to make a creditable showing as Pittsburgh. With two more good pitchers we would give New York a hard fight.

"Now take Cincinnati, Boston, Brooklyn and St. Louis. We should beat out those clubs, for I can't see where they are so strong. They might improve, but not enough to do any damage. Pat Moran is having his trouble with the Reds, for his pitchers are none too good and some of his stars have failed to sign. Brooklyn, outside of the pitching staff and the outfield, is weak, and the Braves don't look formidable. St. Louis is about the same, so please give the Phils a little credit.

"The only thing you can do now is compare the teams according to past performances of the players, and you must admit we have been slighted by the experts. Take it from me, the fans will be surprised at the game we will put up this year."

Lack of Practice Games Handicaps Coombs

BOOSTING the home-town club is one of the principal diversions at this time of the year, because none of the other teams have been seen in action. However, Shettline hands out a logical argument and there may be some truth in what he says.

This week will mean a lot to Jack Coombs and his athletes, for the southern training trip—if it can be called such—will come to an end. Two games will be played with Washington on Friday and Saturday and the boys will pack up and escape to Philadelphia Saturday night. The old ball park at Broad and Huntingdon streets will be a welcome sight.

As usual, the Phils have been handicapped because of the lack of practice games. Down in St. Petersburg there was no one to play, and here it is worse. Only one prep school—Belmont Abbey—has been defeated, and the real tryout will be with Washington and in the spring series with the Athletics. In the meantime, all of the other National League clubs are busy playing exhibition games and will be in good form when the season opens.

The New York Giants are teamed with the Red Sox this week and will hook up with Washington next week. The Braves and Detroit are entertaining the populace down here, Pittsburgh is barn-storming on the trip North, Cincinnati has a nice schedule, Brooklyn is practicing with the Yankees and even the St. Louis Cardinals are kept busy every day playing a real ball game. The Cubs are playing their way from the coast.

There is no excuse for the Phils passing up a series of games down here, for there are plenty of teams anxious to work against them. The players do better against strangers than when they play the usual Regulars and Yankigans contests, and the manager has a better chance to see how his men perform under fire than waiting for the season to open.

"IF THERE is any ball club in the world that needs all of the early experience and early training against major league teams, it is the Phils.

Phils Showing Spirit for Work

EVERYTHING points to a successful baseball season this year, for there seems to be more interest than in the last five years. Everybody is talking baseball, which means the crop of fans will be unusually large. The players, too, are showing a different spirit. Outside of a few holdouts, the athletes are working harder than ever before and no one kicks when told to labor an extra hour.

Last Sunday there was no practice for the Phils, but ten of the players went out to the ball park and worked under a hot sun for four hours. It was the first decent day they had experienced, and took advantage of it. But it was strange and unusual, for Manager Coombs was not around and the men acted without orders. This is the stuff you read about in our very best fiction, but seldom does it happen in real life.

"THAT spirit is prevalent in all of the training camps. The men want to do too much work instead of loafing around the hotel as of yore. Baseball will come back, and come back to stay, this year.

Real Battle for Outfield Starts

THE real battle for the outfield posts will start today. Coombs now has five outfielders who are good enough to hold down regular jobs on his club, and the former A's hero is going to have his own sweet troubles in choosing his selections. Captain Whitted, Cravath, Meusel, Williams and Saier are the ones in line.

The final choice probably will be Whitted, Cravath and Williams. Meusel is a good ball for Pat Moran last season, but he will have to give way to the new captain. George is a trifle underweight on account of his recent season, but it won't take long to regain his proper poundage.

It is possible that the team will be arranged as an underdog in Cincinnati. They may be arranged as a favorite in New York. It is possible that the team will be arranged as a favorite in New York. It is possible that the team will be arranged as a favorite in New York.

WONDER WHAT THE STATUE OF LIBERTY THINKS ABOUT?

A grid of four panels featuring the Statue of Liberty with humorous text. Panel 1: 'UNTIL JUST RECENTLY I GET AWFULLY TIRED STANDING HERE YEAR AFTER YEAR. MY ARM IS NEARLY KILLING ME.' Panel 2: 'STILL—THIS LIFE HAS ITS COMPENSATIONS. I'LL BET I'VE FLIRTED WITH MORE SOLDIER BOYS THAN ANY OTHER WOMAN IN AMERICA.' Panel 3: '- THEY ALWAYS WAVE TO ME AND SEEM GLAD TO SEE ME. THEY EVEN THROW KISSES AT ME BUT DARN IT I CAN'T RETURN 'EM—BECAUSE—WELL MY HANDS ARE FULL.' Panel 4: 'AND THOSE AVIATORS! THEY ARE GETTING JUST AWFULLY BOLD. I GAVE ONE A NASTY LOOK THE OTHER DAY. HE CAME A LITTLE TOO NEAR AND WAS TOO FRESH.' Panel 5: '- WHAT ARE THE WOMEN WEARING THIS YEAR? DO YOU KNOW I NEVER YET HAVE FELT OUT OF STYLE! THANK GOODNESS! DON'T HAVE DRESS TO WORRY ABOUT.' Panel 6: '- LOTS OF PEOPLE COME TO SEE ME SO I NEVER GET LONESOME. AND I HAVE A WONDERFUL VIEW OF PRESIDENT WILSON WHEN HE GOES BACK AND FORTH. ISN'T HE THE REGULAR LITTLE GADA-BOUT THO?' Panel 7: 'HERE COMES ANOTHER LOAD OF SOLDIERS. THEY STARTED SHOUTING AND SINGING TO ME MILES AND MILES OUT AT SEA MANY A WOMAN WOULD HAVE HAD HER HEAD TURNED IF SO MANY FINE LOOKING FELLOWS MADE SUCH FUSS OVER THEM.' Panel 8: 'IT'S A GREAT LIFE!'

GERMANTOWN TIED WITH FRANKFORD

Suburban Schools Each Have Won Two Interscholastic League Games

TRAVIS FANS THIRTEEN

By PAUL PREP

Germantown and Frankford High Schools continued to play uneventful ball yesterday, and by winning their interscholastic league games are deadlocked for first place, with two victories and no defeats.

Germantown took the Catholic High team into camp by the score of 10-4. While Captain Jimmy Gison was keeping the Catholic High to six hits, well scattered, the Civilians were hitting the ball fairly well, but couldn't score more than two runs until the sixth inning.

In the final half of the sixth the Civilians decided the issue, registering seven hits and as many runs. Ellis Schaefer singled to short and reached second on Kulp's sacrifice. Sam sent his brother home with a long single to left, and scored on infield hits by Barrett and Hallerstadt. Scatterd also hit safely in the infield and Barrett and Hallerstadt tallied. Patterson sent Scatterd across the pan and stopped at second on Buller's bunt. Gibson sacrificed, but Ellis Schaefer struck out.

Frankford Surprises

Frankford's victory over the championship West Philadelphia team was one of a surprise, inasmuch as the Speedboys had defeated North Philadelphia last week. Four runs in the second and five more in the sixth gave the suburban team a lead that was too much for the champions.

Herb Travis, the all-around athlete of Frankford, was in fine form and fanned thirteen batsmen. West Philadelphia made eight hits, three of which were accounted for by Captain Davis. Davis had a single, double and triple.

Time Plans Entertainment

Time School is planning to make its annual spring track meet on May 17 one of the best of the country. In addition to offering many handsome trophies, the school authorities are making arrangements to entertain the visiting athletes.

Former Baltimore President Dies

Baltimore, April 8.—Moses N. Frank, president of the city jail board and former president of the Baltimore International League baseball club, committed suicide in his room at a suburban hotel yesterday by inhaling illuminating gas.

Columbia Meets C. C. N. Y.

New York, April 8.—The first big college game of the local season will be played this afternoon at Ohio Field between Columbia and New York University.

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HIGH-JUMP RECORD IN DANGER AT PENN RELAY

Larsen, Brigham-Young Star, Likely to Leap to New Mark of 6 Feet 7.34 Inches

By TED MEREDITH

WHEN Larsen, the Brigham-Young University high jumper, sent his entry in for the Penn Relay he put a crimp in the hopes of the eastern stars. The fact that Larsen jumped 6 feet 7.34 inches two years ago will make him the favorite and will assure him that the competition will not be very keen if he is in his old-time form.

The field will be a good one in the high jump, but none of the men will be able to claim over 6 feet 3 inches as a best performance. This height should be a warm-up leap for a man that has cleared 6.77.

Larsen comes from the same place that produced Alma Richards, who won the Olympic event in 1912. He looks as if he is just a little improvement over the suburban team a lead that was too much for the champions.

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YALE STAR INELIGIBLE

Catcher Sheehan Barred From First Game Today

New Haven, Conn., April 8.—Several eleven-hour changes have been made by Coach Bill Lauder, of the Yale nine, in preparation for the opening match of the season with the Springfield Y. M. C. A. College today.

Captain Russell Boyd was switched from center field to left field; Lang Parsons, freshman captain last year, was sent to center field, and Bob Holden went from left field to right.

Catcher Sheehan yesterday was declared ineligible and his place will be taken by Jeff Saunders, who has played in right field.

Egan Wins From Troutman

Pottsville, Pa., April 8.—Egan, of Mount Lee, defeated Troutman, of Minersville, in a shooting match at Minersville Athletic Park yesterday for a purse of \$200.

Jack Knight Signs

Seattle, April 8.—Infielder Jack Knight, last year's 200-hitter with the Minnesota club, has been signed for the Seattle team. Knight is to be used at first base.

LONGBOAT COMING HERE

Famous Runner Will Enter Local College

In a letter to Tom Flanagan, of Topeka, the famous Indian runner, Tom Flanagan says that he is studying in a West University in Belgium.

He also states that when he returns to New York, as he expects to shortly, he will go to a Philadelphia college to complete his education. A United States man has taken a fancy to Tom and is "paying the way."

Lewis Wins Shoot Title

Port Washington, L. I., April 8.—Shooting in almost machine-like precision, Tom Lewis led a team of 100 city boys to the annual Long Island Sound championship tournament at the home of the Manhattan Bay Yacht Club here yesterday.

STILL IN NEED OF TWO GOOD CLUBS

Withdrawals at Last Moment Leave Vacancies in Manufacturers' League

WANT EIGHT-CLUB CIRCUIT

After having its circuit for the season practically completed, the Philadelphia Manufacturers' League has been compelled to postpone the announcement of its final make-up until another meeting, which has been called for next Monday evening at the Hotel Bingham.

With such teams as Stokes & Smith, U. G. L. Wheeler, Lewis, Franklin Printing and Walther Company, of Frankford, in line.

The league could have landed many more a couple of weeks ago, but learning that there was little chance, they sought admittance elsewhere. The managers were indeed surprised at last night's meeting to learn at the last minute that the Electric Service and J. G. Sellers Company had decided to withdraw.

Advertisement for Tareyton London Cigarettes featuring a portrait of a man and the text 'There's something about them you'll like' and 'Twenty to the package'.

POWERFUL PITCHING GIVES RED SOX AND CUBS BIG ADVANTAGE

Fine Twirling Means More Than Strength in One Department, as it Lessens the Rough Pounding of Defense and Lifts Morale of Club

IN THE SPOTLIGHT—By GRANTLAND RICE

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The Golfer's Return from the Front

From shell holes left in France

He finds a rougher dream

Where yawning bunkers wait his slice

And where the niblicks gleam.

Add as he looks one out of bounds

You hear the Duffer curse—

"Ah, yes, I know that war is hell—

But peace is even worse."

From dugouts that were deep

Where German shrapnel lit,

He takes his trusty niblick out

And finds a deeper pit.

And as he blows an easy putt

You hear him sob and curse—

"The Argonne Trail was rough enough—

But this here green is worse."

Pitching Values

ONE of the best ways to judge pennant chances is to pick out the best pitching staff and follow that route to an October guess.

You won't always be right, but you won't miss often, and you'll never be far wrong.

In the National League, when one takes a brief slant at the names of Alexander, Vaughn, Hendrix, Tyler and Douglas, among others, he doesn't waste much time delving deeper into the dope.

He knows that he can't be far wrong in awarding the Cubs first choice in the big spring guess. This staff is the best in the National League. It means good pitching almost every start, and good pitching doesn't often lose, over the long route.

IF FERDY SCHUPP recovers his ancient cunning, the Giant staff, with Schupp, Benton, Pezzitt, Barnes and others, won't be very far behind. But the margin will be sufficiently in Chicago's favor to give Cook county the call above Manhattan's crowded aisle.

In the Same Way

IN THE same way a short glance in the direction of the American League finds Boston's champion Red Sox starting out with Babe Ruth, Bush, Mays, Jones and Slim Caldwell.

This quintet has a fast infield and a strong outfield to back them up. But the main point, is that Boston was bank, upon the average, on high-grade pitching—on better pitching than any rival outfit so far as one can see against April's dim horizon.

Cleveland and New York both have strong staffs, but neither carries the certainty offered by the right and left arms attached to the Bostonian payroll. One great pitcher, such as Ruth, is a tremendous asset.

AND one star in the box means a big jump. Who can forget what Mathewson gave the Giants and what Alexander did for the Phils?

The Subtler Meaning

FINE pitching means something more than strength in one department. It means also that the offense doesn't have to go out and get as many runs. It means also that the line of fielding defense isn't subjected to as rough a pounding. It means also that the morale of a club is always lifted.

A club goes into a ball game with far better heart when it knows that it has good pitching to bank on.

Who can forget how much better ball the old Giants played for Mathewson than others who lacked their confidence?

BUT with a strong, dependable pitcher working in the box, neither the offense nor the defense is subjected to any unusual strain. They can both pike along at a steady, even, unharassed stride, and generally get there.

Spring Verse

The sun breaks out in golden flame;

The rook stars in every game;

So I know that spring has come,

Spring, gentle spring, in sunshine clad,

Where nearly all the dope is bad.

Advertisement for Velle Six cars, featuring the text 'Velle Six' and 'If there is any one particular feature responsible for Velle success—it's Quality. There is no better car built at the price, and none with a fairer reputation. \$1465, Moline. La Roche Brothers, Inc. 1214 North Broad St.'

Advertisement for BATTERY SERVICE STATION, featuring the text 'Look for the Sign', 'BATTERY SERVICE STATION', 'Towed Home!—Did This Ever Happen to You?', and 'Your battery, at least, shouldn't be the cause of it. With a Battery Service Corporation contract you are sure of keeping your battery in running order for ONE YEAR. We repair your broken parts at cost, keep your batteries charged, call for and deliver them.'

Advertisement for The AMERICAN 'Balanced Six' motor car, featuring the text 'The AMERICAN "/>