SPRING TRAINING IN NORTH ISN'T SO BAD WHEN PHILS' SOUTHERN RECORD IS CONSULTED

AFTER THE FIRST OF JULY

PHILLIES SPENT AN UNPROFITABLE TIME IN TRAINING CAMP

Poor Weather and Lack of First-class Opponents Make Coombsmen Uncertainties and Real Strength Will Be Secret Until They Meet Mackmen

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

Charlotte, N. C., April 12. A bum beginning makes a good ending, the Phils should win the National League pennant hands down. Everything has gone floore when least expected down here, and while the players are in fair condition, they have not had any real games to show what they could do under fire. Whenever a came is scheduled the sky leaks, the skinned diamond becomes one of those well-known seas of mud and even practicing is impossible

We do not wish to knock Charlotte, but there are other towns which are better suited for spring training trips. This place suffers when compared with other training earnes because it is too far North, the weather is too unsettled and it is difficult to find strong teams to play. Had the Phils met a few American League clubs in the last week they would have been in better shape for the series with the Athletics. As it is, no one can tell how strong or weak the team is until the game next Wednesday.

From the looks of things now, there will be no game today, and the Phils will leave for home tonight after two whole days of idleness

With good pitching and some preliminary practice, the Coombsmen will not look so bad this year. The players themselves say the team shapes up better than at any other time since 1915 outside of the burling department, and many of our good citizens will be surprised when the season opens. The outfield, with Whitted, Muesel, Williams, Callahan and Cravath, is exceptionally strong, and it is said that Doug Baird is a much better ball player than Milton Stock. This comes right from the players, and they should know what they are talking about.

SECOND base is being taken care of by Harry Pearce, who is a hard worker and a good fielder, but weak in hitting. It would not be at all surprising to see George Whitted playing the keystone sack this year. His hitting would help considerably and Meusel could play left field. George, it will be remembered, was an infielder when he broke into the fast set.

Janurin Will Strengthen Washington Team

THE Washington team shapes up well and Clark Griffith expects to cause me trouble in the American League this season. He still is weak at second and short, however, but everything will be lovely when Janvein gets back on the job. The former Red Sox is with the team, but will do no play ing for three weeks at least. He is not in such poor physical shape as was expected, but the doctor ordered him to rest up another week before starting practice. Janvrin will plug the hole at second base, and if Davis, the kid shortstop, fails to come through. Harold Shanks can be put there.

Griffith says he has three of the best pitchers in the league in Johnson, Shaw and Harper. They are in great form and will give Washington a good start.

The first game of the season will be against the Athletics and Griffith is worried. "Connie Mack has a good hall club this year." he said today. "and don't you forget it. His pitchers seem to be going good, and with Roth in the outfield the team should do some hitting. Roth, Walker and Burns are three great sluggers, and there are others who can slam the pill. I don't think the Athletics will finish last this year."

Val Picinich, who played with Mack in 1916, now is with Washington, and looks like a very good eateher. He has been selected to work with Walter Johnson, which shows he has the class. It is seldom that Connie ever lets a good man go, but he apparently made a mistake in Picinich's case,

THE Philx will arrive in Philadelphia at noon tomorrow and work out at Beaud and Huntingson streets on Monday and Encoday. Only one practice will be held each day, starting at 1 p. m.

Boosting Jack Scott as Another Babe Ruth

MEMBERS of the Boston Braves claim they have another Babe Ruth in Jack Scott, the big right-handed pitcher. Scott is six feet two inches tall, weighs close to 200 pounds and can knock the ball a mile. In addition to that he is a good twirler and ranks with the best moundsmen on the club. His tremendous clouting, however, is making him a valuable member of the team. Since last Friday he has been collecting circuit wallops and his

ord is second to none this spring. In Albany, Ga., he lifted one over the left field fence. At Atlanta on Sunday he went in as a pinch hitter and eked one high and far over the crowd in right field. Last Monday in Columbia, S. C., he hit the center field fence, but pulled up at third because he was tired

When the Brayes played Detroit in Rockhill, N. C., on Tuesday, Scott pitched four innings. He drew a base on balls the first time up, but the second time he biffed a homer over the fence, driving a run in ahead of him. That's pretty good hitting for a pitcher just breaking into the fast set, He operated against pitchers on the Detroit club, which proves he had no bushers to sonk. In four games he has hit three homers and one triple, which is going some even in this and section.

When the Braves stopped off here on their way to Greenshore I asked

11 DON'T know," was the reply. "I have hit fast balls, slow ones and energes. They all look alike to me, and the ball certainty

Braves and Tigers Coining Money on Trip

THE Braves and Tigers are coining money on this trip. Crowds turn out to every game and the prices are from \$1 ap. Walter Hapgood, the Boston usiness manager, has selected towns that even Christopher Columbus could not discover, but the natives are wild about baseball. At this writing nine games have been played, and the smallest gate was \$1500.

Big league owners evidently pulled a bone this year in curtailing the exhibition schedule. Basebail is more popular than ever before, the fans in small towns are just acoing to see some of the big league clubs and pay real money for the privilege. During the last three years there was little interest in the sport and the exhibition games were frosty affairs. Conditions have changed, however, and Walter Hapgood was wise enough to know it.

Thus far the clubs have made \$10,000, and before the series is over they expect to make that much more. All of which means the Detroit and Boston clubs will more than make their training expenses this year.

THE Phils, as usual, are in the rut. Perfectly good afternoons have been wasted here and only one exhibition game will be planed, weather permitting. However, the spring series with the Athletics should attract healthy audiences next week,

Cobb Big Drawing Card in South

CORB is a great drawing eard in this belt. Every time he appears on the streets a large crowd follows him and he attracts more attention than visiting circus. In Gastonia the other day he stood at a street crossing for five minutes and blocked the traffic. When he moved the parade started and he had an escort to the ball grounds.

On the playing field everybody wants to see the great Tytus in action. other players merely are scenery. The first time he steps to the plate he is given a rousing reception, and Cobb sees that there are more cheers as the game progresses.

HE PULLS that base-running stuff, which goes big whether he gets away with it or not.

Four Managers in Charlotte at Same Time

SEEMS strange that four regular big league managers should collect in his semi-isolated southern city at the same time, but that is just the now, In addition to Coombs and Clark Griffith, as explained before, the with Hughey Jennings and the Braves with George Stallings are

igher is the same old Hughey. Rain or no rain, he refused to be hearted when the rain was falling freely and hard. It recalled the days Hughey was in Philadelphia in 1911 during the Giants-Athletics world's when for days and days it rained, prolonging the series. All Hughey ld was to give out one interview after another to the boys. He gave them to write about than Mack or McGraw.

Well. Hughey has lost none of his verbal powers of communication and versed freely with the flock of scribes that made this camp their temporary Shortly more stories on how the Tigers lost other phenoms ive to "bonehead" scouts will be released.

CTALLINGS is the same old George. He insing he has the heat from since 1915, when his supposedly disorganized aggregation Wed its was to a world's championship. Griffith and Coambs were

eek in Philly against the Mackmen should serve to bring out the best is in the Phils. This series will be watched with interest. Manager dans to save all his cutting in the squad antil the city skirmish is



DAVIDSON STARS

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McQueen to Compete in High Jump and Murray in **Broad Jump**

north for the first time,

horse for this event. He will be in the very highest class company for the best men both of the east and west are in the event, led by Larsen, the college coming along in great shape, and Robby Friday Bartels will contest in the discus record holder at 6 feet 85% inches,

Murray is Davidson's other entry. Broad jumper and has done 23 feet. This is a very good performance, but he will have to do a few inches better win, as Johnson, of Michigan, did 23 feet 1112 inches last year and four or five other men have done 23 feet or better

JOCKEY KNAPP TO RIDE

Signs to Pilot H. P. Whitney's

Horses This Season Willie Knapp has been engaged the coming season. Since the death of Frank Robinson, at Bowie, last week. there has been much speculation as to who James Rowe would engage as stable

one, was granted a license two years ago, and last year was stable jockey to Willis Sharpe Kilmer.

Knapp probably will take up his uties with the Whitney stable in Maryland at the Havre de Grace meet

W. & J. TO PLAY SYRACUSE

First Football Game Arranged for September 25

Washington, Pa., April 12.-Gradu-Manager John H. Murdoch, of Washington and Jefferson, announced yesterday that he had scheduled a foot ball game for September 25 next with

Syracuse stadium.

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BROWN BEATS FITZGERALD

Colored Boxer Proves Too Clever for daily. Sturdy Opponent at Cambria

Preston Brown defeated Whitey Fitzgerald in the final bout at the Cambria Athletic Club last night. It was
the second time that these boxers had
the second time that the seco met. The contest was hard fought throughout. Brown was too clever for his sturdy opponent.

St. Louis Teams Play Today St. Louis, Mo., April 12.—The annual presents of the clark National, and American teams for the cily championship opens this afternoon. The accedulate hatteries are Americans, Davaport and Villing Nationals. Goodwin and Clamps six pages will be played.

Penn's Best Chances in MISS ZINDERSTEIN Special Events of Relays

Quaker Prospects Good for Sprint Medley and One Mile. But Poor in Distance Races—Outlook in Field Contests Bright

annual relay carnival, which will be well under two minutes for the half. Pennsylvania's Relay Carnival to be ing in brightness. Of the five big colheld two weeks from today and to-lege championship relays, the Red and morrow will show the greatest and Blue has good chances in only two. The best. Johnny Bartels, the pentathlon Cricket Club, and Mrs. Marion Vanquickest come-back in sport that has two are the sprint medley and the one-, champion of last year, is out to retain derhoof Morse, of the West Side Ten-

and the relay championship team with to the Englishmen. The lack of enough distance men also virtually eliminates to 12 feet 6 inches.

both titles, especially in view of the jump. McQueen has a record of 6 fact that they drew No. 2 position, The far outside that it can be disregarded High star, is likely to furnish some sur- of the finest of many long volleys that by the opposing runners.

All of the Penn athletes have been son will be the anchor man on the sprint tossing close to 160 feet in practice.

ride the horses of H. P. Whitney for thing points to one of the most success-

RENNIE SHADES SPENCE

Philadelphian Wins Over Gloucester

Opponent at Pennsgrove A. C. Wilmington, Del., April 12.-Walter Rennie, of Philadelphia, defeated Willie Spence, of Gloucester, at the Pennsgrove A. C. last night. Reunic led all the way, the bout going eight rounds.

After competing in the pentathlon on

courts at Forest Hills, Long Island, fought victory in the "quarter-quarter- upon took the next two games and and at Amsterdam avenue and Ninety- quarter" medley relay race for the Ag-

and swimming a quarter. at I minute 5 seconds for the quarter- plays in all three events. Knapp, a veteran rider and a capable turned and renewed their membership. walk over a similar distance and 6 min-

utes 8 4-5 seconds for the thirteen and a fraction lengths of the Weightman Hall tank. Williams Athlete Returns

Williamstown, Mass., April 12.—Among the latest former Williams stars to return from France after doing his bit in the trenches is Lieutenant "Cy" Toolan, all-around athletic hero for the Purple a few years ago. Toolan played football, baseball and basketball, graduating in 1915.

BATTLING MURRAY AWAITS CALL TO MEET JIMMY WILDE

Syracuse University to be staged at the Brilliant American Flyweight Hopes to Be Selected to Oppose English Sensation in London Ring July 4

WELL. Bat. I see where you are due to take a trip across the let us know that he was ready.

Yesterday the Battler dropped in to let us know that he was ready.

You remember what I told you over

Thus was Battling Murray informed and exchange punches with Wilde,

time in seeking and locating Johnny ing campaign. after working If confidence means the start. Burns, his manager, after a hours, and verifying the report.

pond." interrupted a fellow laborer.

"Where'd you hear that?" quickly asked the Battler as he turned from his bench in the Victor Talking Machine Company, where he labors eight hours

"You remember what I told you over a year ago at that dinner given to me by the Victor boys," explained the Battler. "Well, then I said I would bring a title to this city, and don't be surprised when I bring back Jimmy Wilde's scalp. I believe he was just made for me." made for me. "According to the papers you may Murray is not given to boasting. He

of the proposed match with the English Within a few days something definite

flyweight champion. The American fly- will be known about the bout. Murray weight sensation, a consistent winner thinks it will be held in London on July and a satisfactory performer, lost no 4, and already is mapping out his train-

Defeats Mrs. Marion Morse for

BAIGG 9/9

North and South Championship

OTHER ATHLETES ENTER PENN'S prospects of going big in the medley, and I feel sure that he will do TILDEN IN THREE FINALS

Pinehurst, N. C., April 12 .- Mrs. Marion Zinderstein, of the Longwood his title and has been working hard to his Club, met in the final of the wom-Coach Robertson has decided not to get into shape. He has improved over on's singles in the North and South Six months ago many thought that enter a team in the two-mile and the his form of last year, when he was a tennis championships here yesterday. Six months ago many thought that enter a team in the two-mile and the Penn's annual sports would be distinctly below the usual standard, but recent developments have put that idea not had a speedy four mile quartet since the famous race against Oxford, when to rout. Star athletes, new and old. George Bason, Langer, Lou Madeira are entering daily the special events and Wally McCurdy lost by a hairline are entering daily the Englishmen. The lack of enough track and field talent.

Davidson College of North Carolina vesterday sent in the entries of two star athletes who will compete in the sprint medley and one mile, the sprint medley and the sprint medley north for the first time.

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prises in the broad jump and hurdles. featured the set. All of the Penn athletes have been coming along in great shape, and Robby is sure to have them in their best condition when relay day arrives. Gustafered the condition when relay day arrives are conditions to condition the condition when relay day arrives. Gustafered the condition when relay day arrives are conditionally day arrives. 6-3, 6-4, and came through to the WEST SIDE OPENS

DON LEOPOLD WINS

Forest Hills Club Looks to Successful Season

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Tennis Club

The second set was a close affair all first street, this afternoon, and everything points to one of the most successful years in the history of the club.
There are more new members today

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the way, service taking practically all
something unique, consisting of runling a quarter mile, walking a quarter
and Miss Ballin and Tildeu won the
next, on Miss Ballin's service and took next, on Miss Ballin's service and too than ever before.

Of the 180 men who responded to the call to the colors, forty-seven have re-

ANOTHER MARK FOR RAY

Clips 1-5 Second Off Half-Mile Record

Thursday night set a new world's in-door record for the distance, last night broke the Central A. A. record for a and is as follows: half mile in the time of 1:57 1-5. The old mark was 1:57 2-5, set by

Tom Campbell, then running for the University High School and now at the University of Chicago. Ray represents the Illinois Athletic Club.

MIDDLEBURY FOOTBALL Eight Gridiron Games Arranged for

Vermont Eleven Middlebury, Vt., April 12.

games are on the Middlebury College football schedule. The season will open September 27. The schedule follows: September 27—West Point at West Point: October 11. Fordham, at New York; 18. Boston College, at Bostoff; 25, St. Lawrence University, at Middlebury; November 1. Norwich, at Middlebury; 8. Williams, at Middlebury; 15, Clarkson, at Middlebury; 22, Vermont, at Burlington.

No Wrestling at N. Y. . C. C. New York, April 12.—Wrestling will not be conducted this year at the College of the City of New York as variety sport, according to an announcement yesterday by Manager George Nasanowsky, of the Lavender grappiers. Intercollegiate competition next season however, is almost a certainty, deciared the manager.

McCagg Elected Harvard Captain Cambridge, Mass. April 12 Lewis Butler McCagu of New York city has bee elected to the freshman crew captaincy a Harvard. His position in the boat is No. 4

Stevens Opens Season Today New York. April 12 -The City Connected team will open the season to

ALEX FACES GOLDEN CHANCE ON RETURN TO BASEBALL FOLD

Grover Cleveland, With Great Club Machine as Support, Has Opportunity to Eclipse Thirty-Game, Three-Year Pitching Record This Year

> IN THE SPORTLIGHT-BY GRANTLAND RICE The Ultimate

> > There are strikes that bring a pall There are strikes that hold a thrall, But the saddest strike of all In the rout. As the bat slips by the ball,

As THE ages slide deeper and deeper into the dusty antiquity of Time

The first Alexander, completing one war, sat down and shed bitter tears because he had no more worlds to subdue. The last Alexander-meaning Grover Cleveland-returns from the world's

toughest war with the game's toughest pitching job still on his hands. And by the game's toughest pitching job we mean the task of winning thirty or more ball games for his fourth successive year.

NINETEEN hundred and eighteen in Alexander's case is naturally thrown out, as he was able to pitch in only two games, through

Alex Now Has Big Chance ALEXANDER now has a chance, toiling with the Cubs, to put an undertaking over that baffled the art of Mathewson, Young, Johnson, Waddell, McGinity, Walsh and all the remaining line of those who reached the crest, None of these was ever able to win thirty ball games through four successive seasons of pitching. Young won thirty games or more three times in

he dropped away to twenty-two games and broke up the big drive. ONLY once thereafter was he able to glide by the thirty-game mark, and that was in 1908, when he packed away thirty-seven victories.

a row. Starting back sixteen years ago, Mathewson won thirty games in 1903, thirty-three games in 1904 and thirty-one games in 1905. But in 1906

The Returning Sergeant

RETURNING from the Rhine and exchanging khaki for baseball gray, Alexander hopes to resume where he left off in 1917—his last complete The big Cub broke the thirty-game mark for the first time, operating with the Phillies, in 1915, when he fell heir to thirty-one victories. he rose to thirty-seven victories and a year later barely arrived with thirty. Note the keen similarity between Mathewson's three best successive

1903-30 victories 1904-33 victories 1905-31 victories

1915-31 victories 1917 30 victories

IN EACH case the total is precisely the same—ninety-four victories over a three-year push. A remarkable coincidence—as coinci-

Alex's Later Start THE noted Cub, who earned his fame with the Phillies, had a later start than Mathewson enjoyed.

The latter indulged in his three-year orgy at the ages of twenty-three twenty-four and twenty-five. Alexander failed to reach thirty victories until he was twenty-eight. He was thirty when he won his final thirty games.

ND now he begins his last shot at the record around thirty-two AND now he occurs his was said the years of age. Mathewson at thirty-two won twenty-three games and dropped ticelve.

Considerable Opportunity

NLESS a year spent in toying with caissons and field pieces has affected his natural leverage. Alex has a tidy chance to set a new mark this season

with the Cub machine to help carry him along.

He happened to be lucky in drawing a club picked by the bulk of the He has a good infield and a good outfield back of him, a machine able to

This will be a big advantage. Mathewson slipped mainly in 1906 and 1907 because the Giant machine had cracked through age and replacements had to be lugged in. When the rebuilding process was about completed be

The season will be shorter this summer by fourteen games to a club This will add a few hazards to the occasion, but what is a hazard to

AD with a few of those National League line-ups to shoot at, only

A figure what a mark there is. ND what has become of the old-fashioned golfer who takes his rubber tee A slong, defying the cynical grin of the caddies and the hoarse guftaw from

Spring Practice for Soldiers in Paris

Paris, April 12.-Bright Spring days have attracted crowds of American doughboys into the Paris boulevards, where they are playing catch and batting up flies in preparation for the baseball season French children never tire watching the Americans practice with their

big gloves and face masks.

In the neighborhood of the Hote Crillon, where the American peac delegation is housed, the broad parking of the Boulevard des Champs Elysees affords ball players an excellent practice ground.

RUTGERS TRACK DATES

Opens Season April 30 Against Stevens Runners

New Burnswick, N. J., April 12 .-Columbia and New York University will quarters of a mile in 1:14 last Thursfurnish the cream of the opposition to day morning and she turned the trick Chicago. April 12.—Joe Ray, na- furnish the cream of the opposition to day morning and she turned the trick tional A. A. U. champion miler, who on the Rutgers track men this season in easily. Penrose made her two-year-old their dual meets. The schedule for the debut here last April, and her develop coming season was announced yesterday ment is being followed with keen inter

nd is as follows:

April 30. Stevens at New Brunswick; May
Colimbia at New York; May 10. New
ork University at New Brunswick; May
7. Middle States championships; May 21.
warthmore at New Brunswick; May
May 30-81,
tercollegiate championships at Cambridge,

LOTT ACTING CAPTAIN New Stroke to Lead Columbia Uni-

versity Crewmen

their practice until late in the afternoon because of the stiff southeast breeze, the Columbia oarsmen had a long workout in the rain yesterday. lack Lott, who has been stroking the varsity for the last two weeks, has been appointed acting captain.

Reds Blank Joplin Jopin. Me. April 12.—The Cincinnat Reds binned the Jonin team resterday, et to 0. Flaher and Eller held the Western Leasuers to two hits.

Columbia Meets Manhattan New York, April 12—Columbia will open s home season on the diamond this after-ion, when it plays the Manhattan College am on South Field.

Boxing Course Mos. Major Biddle's Tournament \$1. PHILA. JACK O'BRIEN'S

STARS WORKING OUT AT HAVRE DE GRACE

Penrose and Senator Crow, 3-Year-Olds, Preparing for Big Stakes

TRACK OPENS WEDNESDAY

Havre de Grace, Md., April 12. Both Penrose and Senator Crow, the Triple Springs Farms stable's candidates for the impending renewal at Pim lico of the \$25,000 Preakuess, the rich est of eastern three-year-old specials are working briskly at the Havre d Grace track.

James Boden sent Penrose three est by the local racing patrons. Penrose will be a starter, perhaps, in the Harford Handicap, a sprint of five furlongs and a half that will be the feature of the opening day's card next Wednes day

It is the intention of Richard F. Carman to start his Preakness candi date, the Boy, the fastest three-year old at the Benning track, in the Har-New York. April 12.—Postponing at Pimlico. She is in the \$5000 Pimlice Oaks as well as the Preakness. Senator Crow is a colt by Uncle out of Follies Bergeres. He has yet to show Preakness form under silks. Boden intended to race Senator Crow and Pen rose at Bowie, but difficulty in obtaining transportation prevented him from carrying out this plan.

NATIONAL A. A. SAT. NIGHT Joe Chaney vs. Billy Gannon Joe Marks vs. Lieut. Short Willie Hannon vs. Yg. McFarland Yg. Chaney vs. Charlie Beecher

Geo. K. O. Chaney vs Jack Russo Olympia A. A. Broad and Bainbridge Harry Edwards. Algr. Monday evening, April 14 Kid Happy vs. Young Medway Max Green vs. Dick O'Brien hang Taman vs. Whitey Fitzgerald

Eddie O'Keefe vs. Jack Norman illie Jackson vs. Frankie Britt