

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

PHILLIES SPENT AN UNPROFITABLE TIME IN TRAINING CAMP

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

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL. Sports Editor Evening Public Ledger. Copyright, 1919, by Public Ledger Co. Charlotte, N. C., April 12. If a bum beginning makes a good ending, the Phils should win the National League pennant hand down. Everything has gone floundering when last 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.

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 first set.

Javrin Will Strengthen Washington Team. The Washington team shapes up well and Clark Griffith expects to cause some trouble in the American League this season. He still is weak at second and short, however, but everything will be lovely when Javrin gets back on the job. The former Red Sox is with the team, but will do no playing 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.

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 ball 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 Pilechin, who played with Mack in 1916, now is with Washington, and looks like a very good catcher. 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 Pilechin's case.

THE Phils will arrive in Philadelphia at noon tomorrow and walk out at Broad and Huntington streets on Monday and Tuesday. 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 thrower and ranks with the best moonmen on the club.

His tremendous throwing, however, is making him a valuable member of the team. Since last Friday he has been collecting circuit wallops and his record is second to none this spring. In Albany, Ga., he pitched one over the left field fence. At Atlanta on Sunday he went in as a pinch hitter and knocked 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 Braves played Detroit in Rock Hill, 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 first set. He operated against pitchers on the Detroit club, which proves he had no bushers to speak of. In four games he has hit three homers and one triple, which is going some even in this acid season.

When the Braves stopped off here on their way to Greensboro I asked Scott how he hits them.

"I DON'T know," was the reply. "I have hit fast balls, slow ones and curves. They all look alike to me, and the ball certainly does travel when I hit it."

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 up. Walter Hargood, the Boston business manager, has selected towns that even a Christopher Columbus could not discover, but the natives are wild about baseball. At Little Writing nine games have been played, and the smallest gate was \$12,000.

Big league owners evidently pulled a bone this year in curtailing the exhibition schedule. Baseball is more popular than ever before, the fans in the small towns are just itching 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 Hargood 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 cut. Perfectly good afternoon have been wanted here and only one exhibition game will be played, weather permitting. However, the spring series with the Athletics should attract healthy audiences next week.

Cobb Big Drawing Card in South. TY COBB is a great drawing card in this belt. Every time he appears on the streets a large crowd follows him and he attracts more attention than a 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. The 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. IT SEEMS strange that four regular big league managers should collect in this semi-isolated southern city at the same time, but that is just the case now. In addition to Coombs and Clark Griffith, as explained before, the Tigers with Hughie Jennings and the Braves with George Stallings are managed here.

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

Well, Hughie has lost some of his verbal powers of communication and conversed freely with the flock of scribes that made this camp their temporary headquarters. Shortly more stories on how the Tigers lost other phenoms due to "hunch" scouts will be released.

STALLINGS is the same old George. He insists he has the best team since 1915, when his supposedly disgraced aggregation topped the way to a world's championship. Griffith and Coombs were absent.

There is work in Philly against the Mackmen should serve to bring put the best there is in the Phils. This series will be watched with interest. Manager Coombs plans to save all his cutting in the squad until the city skirmish is over.

St. Louis Teams Play Today. St. Louis, Mo., April 12.—The annual professional baseball season between the St. Louis National and American teams for the city championship opens this afternoon. The scheduled battles are American League's first and National League's first, and the National League's first and American League's first.

Brown Beats Fitzgerald. Colored Boxer Proves Too Clever for Sturdy Opponent at Cembra. Preston Brown defeated White Fitzgerald in the final bout at the Cambria Athletic Club last night. It was the second time that these boxers had met. The contest was hard fought throughout. Brown was too clever for his sturdy opponent.

Williams Athlete Returns. Williamstown, Mass., April 12.—Among the latest former Williams stars to return to the "Victor boys," explained the Battler, is Leonard "C" Tolan, all-around champion here for the Purina a few years ago. Tolan played football, baseball and basketball, graduating in 1915.

McGegg Elected Harvard Captain. Cambridge, Mass., April 12.—Laurie Butler, McGegg of New York city, has been elected to the freshman crew captaincy at Harvard. His position in the boat is No. 4.

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DAVIDSON STARS IN PENN RELAYS

McQueen to Compete in High Jump and Murray in Broad Jump

OTHER ATHLETES ENTER

Pennsylvania's Relay Carnival to be held two weeks from today and tomorrow will show the greatest and quickest come back in sport that has ever been known.

Six months ago many thought that Penn's annual sports would be distinctly below the usual standard, but recent developments have put that idea to rest.

Davidson College of North Carolina yesterday sent in the entries of two star athletes who will compete in the sport for the first time.

Jockey Knapp to Ride Signs to Pilot H. P. Whitney's Horses This Season

W. & J. TO PLAY SYRACUSE First Football Game Arranged for September 25

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Penn's Best Chances in Special Events of Relays

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

By TED MEREDITH. medley, and I feel sure that he will do well under two minutes for the half. Elmer Smith probably will be the anchor man on the one-mile team.

With Fred Haymond, Fred Davis, Elmer Smith and Marvin Gustafson in the sprint medley and one mile, the first of which will be held on Friday and the second on Saturday, the Quakers stand an excellent chance of winning both titles, especially in view of the fact that they drew No. 2 position.

WEST SIDE OPENS Forest Hills Club Looks to Successful Season

FINISHES FIRST in Unique Contest for MacBride Trophy

RENNIE SHADES SPENCE Philadelphian Wins Over Gloucester Opponent at Penns Grove A. C.

BATTLING MURRAY AWAITS CALL TO MEET JIMMY WILDE Brilliant American Flyweight Hopes to Be Selected to Oppose English Sensation in London Ring July 4

WELL, Bat, I see where you are let us know that he was ready. "You remember what I told you to me 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."

Murray is not given to boasting. He allows his work to speak and his showings insure plenty of noise. He has been a regular winner for the last two years, is the class of his class and now longs for that chance to cross the ocean and exchange punches with Wilde.

MISS ZINDERSTEIN WINS TENNIS TITLE

Defeats Mrs. Marion Morse for North and Sputh Championship

TILDEN IN THREE FINALS

Pinhurst, N. C., April 12.—Mrs. Marion Zinderstein, of the Longwood Cricket Club, and Mrs. Marion Vanderhoof Morse, of the West Side Tennis Club, met in the final of the women's singles in the North and South tennis championships here yesterday.

THE semifinals of the mixed doubles were also disposed of. Miss Zinderstein and Vincent Richards defeated Miss Esther Tufts and S. H. Voshell, 6-3, 6-4, and came through to the final in company with Miss Florence Ballin and William T. Tilden, 2d.

ANOTHER MARK FOR RAY. Clips 1-5 Second Off Half-Mile Record

MIDDLEBURY FOOTBALL Eight Gridiron Games Arranged for Vermont Eleven

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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 SPOTLIGHT—By GRANTLAND RICE. Copyright, 1919. All rights reserved. The Ultimate. There are strikes that bring a pall, There are strikes that hold a thrill, But the saddest strike of all Is to lose the umpire call As the bat slips by the ball, "Batter's out."

AS THE ages slide deeper and deeper into the dusty antiquity of Time, life becomes more complex every era. The first Alexander, completing one war, sat down and shed bitter tears because he had no more worlds to subdue.

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.

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. In 1916 he rose to thirty-seven victories and a year later barely arrived with thirty.

RETURNING from the Rhine and exchanging khaki for baseball gray, Alexander hopes to resume where he left off in 1917—his last complete year.

ALEX Now Has Big Chance. (Mathewson) 1903—20 victories, 1904—23 victories, 1905—31 victories. (Alexander) 1915—31 victories, 1916—33 victories, 1917—30 victories.

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

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.

AD now he begins his last act at the record around thirty-two years of age. Mathewson at thirty-two won twenty-three games and dropped twelve.

UNLESS 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.

AD with a few of those National League line-ups to shoot at, only figure what a mark there is.

AND what has become of the old-fashioned golfer who takes his rubber tee along, defying the cynical grin of the caddies and the hoarse guffaw from the clubhouse porch?

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.

RUPTURES TRACK DATES. Opens Season April 30 Against Stevens Runners. New Brunswick, N. J., April 12.—Columbia and New York University will furnish the cream of the opposition to the Rutgers track men this season in their dual meets.

LOTT ACTING CAPTAIN. New Stroke to Lead Columbia University Crewmen. New York, April 12.—Postponing their practice until late in the afternoon because of the stiff southeast breeze, the Columbia oarsmen had a long workout in the rain yesterday.

Reds Blank Joplin. No Wrestling at N. Y. C. C. Middlebury Football. Eight Gridiron Games Arranged for Vermont Eleven.

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NATIONAL A. A. \*SAT. NIGHT Joe Chaney vs. Billy Gannon. Joe Marks vs. Lieut. Short. Willie Hannon vs. Y. G. McFarland. Y. Chaney vs. Charlie Beecher. Geo. K. O. Chaney vs. Jack Russo.