MANAGER COOMBS CHANGES PHILS' BENCH TO GET BOYS BETTER ACQUAINTED WITH THIRD BASE

PHILS' BENCH AGAIN RESTS SAFELY BACK OF THIRD-BASE LINE

Jack Coombs, the Man Behind the Change, Will Make His Debut as Phil Pilot Tomorrow, and He Is Not Disheartened Over Prospects

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Copyright, 1818, by Public Ledger Co TACK COOMBS will spring something new at Shibe Park tomorrow afternoon when his ball tossers mingle with the Athletics in the first conflict of the city series. Manager Jack has moved the Phillies' bench across the field and behind third base, and it will remain there from now on. The new boss is not superstitious or anything like that, but believes it will be a better thing for the ball club when the change is made.

Many a ball game has been won and lost at third base. When the winning run is on the bag the runner not only is advised by the concher, but also by the players on the bench. Every man will be watching the play and some things probably will be seen that escape the man on the coaching lines. Coombs decided on the change the first day he was out at the ball park, and the players all agree that the move is a wise one.

Jack Coombs will make his first appearance before a Philadelphia public in a Phils' uniform temerrow afternoon, and it will be his debut as the new manager, Jack is not disheartened over the prospects of his ball club and maintains the boys will put over some good work before the season ends. His outfield, which consists of Whitted, Williams, Cravath, Meusel and Callahan, is exceptionally good and no fault can be found with Luderus, Pearce, Bancroft and Baird in the infield. These players are high class, the majority are good bitters and will drive in many runs

The big question is the pitching. If the moundsmen can prevent the other guys from pushing in too many tallies everything will be lovely. It will be remembered that in basebull the side scoring the most runs always is victorious. Therefore the pitching staff, which consists of Jacobs, Woodward, Oeschger, Packard, Prendergast and Faircloth, must show what they can do, No one can tell what will happen a month from now, but it's a cinch the men will improve. Whether they will improve enough to cause trouble remains

THE city series will be interesting, as it will give the fans a line on both of the home clubs. The Athletics have been seen several times, but the Phila will be on exhibition for the first time. It will be good practice for both teams and there should be some exciting

Athletics Look Good, Phils Uncertain

THE Philadelphia fans are in a receptive mood this year. The war clouds have been swept away, conditions are getting normal and there has been a complete relaxation on the part of the public. Now the followers of baseball will go out to the games, calmly look over the various clubs, select their own favorites and draw their own conclusions. All of the boosting in the world will not help a player who has three or four errors in each game and performs miserably while at bat. Also, the most severe panning will not affect an athlete who is out there every day playing a sensational game and knocking 'em a mile every time he steps up to the plate.

Philadelphia crowds are educated in sport and no one can tell them how to shape their views. They have their own favorites and do not hesitate to express themselves. The same goes with the big league ball clubs. The fans are hoping the Athletics and Phillies have good teams this year, and within another month that question will be settled in their minds.

The A's look good this year and the Phils are rather uncertain. Right now every one is entitled to a guess on how the home folks will finish in the race, but it is almost impossible to predict what will happen a month from now. Perhaps the Phils will discover a wonderful pitcher. Rixey might come back and the team jump to the front in the pennant derby. The A's may stack up stronger or weaker than was expected when the actual games begin; so it is entirely up to future developments.

Our Phils have everything to gain and nothing to lose. If they stick in fifth or sixth place during the season the fans will be perfectly satisfied. to a certain extent, for the majority of guessers, as we so called experts are labeled, have handed them the cellar position. However, it is better to be like that than a club which has been unanimously selected to win the flag and then finish as low as third. If a team crosses the advance dope and lands in sixth place instead of eighth, it will get more credit and more support Therefore the baseball public is waiting to pass judgment on the home clubs and do a little guessing on its own book.

THE Phils will need lots of practice for the opening series, which begins a neek from tomorrow with the New York Giants. The A's, on the other hand, will get in shape for Washington and will not have so much trouble.

Ray Morgan Lost to Phillies

TT HAS been decided definitely that Ray Morgan will not play with the Coombsmen this season. The little second-sacker, who was sold to us by the Washington club last winter, has decided to stick around his place of business in Baltimore instead of playing baseball, and nothing can change his mind. President Baker offered him a larger salary than he ever has received. but there was nothing doing. Morgan is in a business which demands his entire attention, as the stock must be disposed of before July 1.

That means Harry Pearce will play second, and he will be satisfactory. He is a very good fielder, but has lots of room for improvement in batting. But he will take care of his position on the defense, and that means something. Pearce has been one of the bardest workers on the team for two years and his efforts should be rewarded.

Brandell, the University of Michigan infielder, has retired from the rame. This winter he sent back his contract, stating he wanted more money. He was given an advance and wrote back that he was satisfied. Then, at the last moment, he sent another letter announcing his retirement. That's the dope on the promising infielder.

President Baker yesterday said that Eppa Rixey probably would be back within the next month and start training for his old job immediately. A pitcher like Rixey, who stands out as a high-class man, will help the National Leaguers immensely, for it will give Coombs a hurler who is good for twenty-five victories in a season. Mr. Baker banked on Eppa to carry the club along when he disposed of Alexander.

THERE was no ball game yesterday and the Macks took a day off. Arthur Iricin came to town, however, leaving his Rochester players down in Wilmington. Arthur stated last night he had signed Joe Acasta, brother of the A's outfielder last year, who looks like one of the best pitchers in his league.

Macks and Phils Even in City Series

TOOKING through the old records, we have discovered that the Athletics and Phils are about even Stephen in spring series games. The victory of the Athletics over the Nationals last summer in the Weart benefit game is not considered, because it was played in midseason. According to reports, the games always have been exciting, especially the last series, which was staged in 1915. Seven games were played, three victories for each club and one tie.

Three games were played down in Florida, where the deadlock occurred. We me the teams came home the A's won two games at Shibe Park and the scored victories on their own grounds.

The first home game was a swell exhibition, with Joe Bush opposing Eppa Rixey. The Macks won 2 to 0, Bush allowing but one hit, which was registered by big Eppa himself. Mayer twirled the Phils to a 9-to-0 victory in the second battle, and when the A's got back to their own playground Wyckoff beat Oeschger 4 to 2.

The final contest will long be remembered. Bob Shawkey was pitching against Alexander and apparently had the game sewed up until the eighth ing. Up to that time the Phils could do nothing with his delivery, while Connie's clouters touched Alex for eight bingles and four runs. The eighth ing opened with the scorp 4 to 2 in favor of the Shibe Parkers. Byrne ancroft got on base and Gavvy Cravath shuffled up to the plate. The e-run king landed on a fast one, sent it into the left field bleachers and runs came home. That was the end of the scoring and the Phils

WONDER WHAT THE FIRST ROBIN THINKS ABOUT

SUPPOSE I'M FOOLISH COMING AROUND SO SOON -BUT I'M ANXIOUS TO GET SETTLED DOWN FOR THE SUMMER - I'M THE FIRST HARBINGER ON THE JOB ALL RIGHT-



GOSH- THERE'S A

CHILL IN THE AIR

ISN'T THERE ?

I KNEW I GOT

HERE TOO SOON-

FIRST - GOING OVER TO HENRY'S HOUSE NOW- I DO LIKE HENRY ROBIN-

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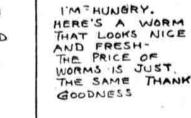
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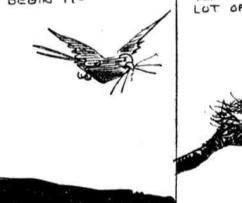
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THERE'S A MAN LOOKING AT ME-HE'S ALL EXCITED SAYS HE IS GOING TO WRITE ME UP FOR THE PAPER





GUESS I'LL GET BUSY AND BUILD A NEST- IT'S GOT TO BE DONE AND I MAY AS WELL



HERE'S MY OLD LAST YEAR'S NEST. NOT A BAD LITTLE HOME THO' I THINK I CAN IMPROVE ON IT THIS YEAR - I'VE GOT A LUT OF NEW IDEAS



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R. B. Benjamin, manager of Hoppe. depositing with the Brunswick Balke-championship, but it is a question it. In addition to this the women play it be covered by either Cochran or any of the present junious would cut ers have more leisure than the men and it be covered by either Cochran or any of the present junious and a possibly some other date in June would Schnefer and that the match shall be for \$5000 side, 1500 points 18.2 bulkline, winner to take entire stake and

It is further stipulated that the match take place in October or November, places to be selected at signing of

The challenge must be accepted within thirty days or no attention will be

PRINCETON FRESH DATES

Tiger Cubs to Close Season With Penn Yearlings

Princeton, N. J., April 16.—The Princeton freshman baseball nine will play eight games this spring in the schedule as announced today. The senplay eight games this spring in the schedule as announced today. The sen THE hidden mystery of the present son will open today with a game at Track season is found in the 100 Lawrenceville, and will close with the Penn freshmen game on May 31. The complete schedule follows:

April 16. Lawrenceville, at Lawrenceville, April 26. Xayler, at Princeton; May 2. Hill School, at Pottstown; May 3. Princeton Prep, at Princeton; May 7. Peddie at Hightstown; May 11. Vale, 1922, at New Haven, May 24. Harvard, 1922, at Princeton; May 35. Penn, 1922, at Princeton.

Orangeburg, S. C., April 16. The New to be the fast York Yankees drew further away from the hut it is not explicated to be the fast two teams yesterday, when the men of Huggins defeated Uncle Robbie's boys by a score of 5 to 1. The series haw stands six games to three in favor of the American League entry. Yankees Increase Lead

Noted Cleveland Promoter

Local Boxing Men

in the future.

and Ring Official Interviews

MATT HINKEL, the noted Cleveland boxing promoter and referee, who

is likely to officiate in the big battle

between Willard and Dempsey for the

world's championsip, came to town to-

day to look over local talent for his

boxing shows. He met all of the modest

managers and equally modest buttlers

and compiled a list which will be used

Hinkel is known throughout the coun-

try as a real sportsman and one of the

most capable and far referees in the

game. He has officiated in many famous

battles and not once has his decision been questioned. Up in Boston where

decision are legal. Matt is called upon

to take a railroad journey every time an important battle is put ou.

With the big champion battle less than three months off, the boxers and

Tex Rickard are looking around for a

referee. Many names will be considered,

but according to the dope sent out from

the West, Hinkle is the most likely,

ent and has the confidence of the boxing

He is fair, honest and effici-

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Hinkel broke into the fast set about three years ago when he staged the Kilbane-Chaney featherweight championship tilt at Cedar Point, O. He hung up a purse of \$15,000 which was a yeard for that class and everything a record for that class and everything went through without a hitch. He new tonight.

HINKEL, PROBABLE REFEREE

HOPPE POSTS \$2500 | Shawnee Club Wants Big Golf Tournament in June

Only Open Dates Already Are Assigned for Women's Tourney, but Fair Sex May Be Given Other Days

Milwaukee. Wis., April 16.—Willie F. Hoppe, champion billiardist of dates in June. Unfortunately for the big tournament in June. world, today called two persistent challest golf match in the year, and every lengers. Jake Schaefer and Welker Saturday in the month, so far as Philascheduled for June 19 to 21. Appar-Cochran, for championship matches by delphia is concerned, is taken up with ently the only way out of it would be

> The only conflict locally is the junior big a field as the Buckwood event, championship, but it is a question it. In addition to this the women play much ice in the Shawnee event as most of the big, juniors last year are now be as satisfactory to them as the ones

> Lynnewood Hall Cup tournament ends THE Shawnee Country Club is in a on June 18, and this would give the quantum yeer the annual Buckwood golfers time to get to Shawnee.

for Shawnee to change the dates of the The only June dates that are at all women's tournament, which while an sible are the 19th, 20th and 21st, important tournament does not draw as

IN RELAY SPRINTS

Record in Short-Dis-

tance Events

track season is found in the 100 game of the series with the Athletics of Pennsylvania freshman basketball star was the leading field goal scorer yards, due to the fact that a new lot of sprinters have to be developed. The first real line on the college sprinters the series will be cut to four games. The inaugural contest tomorrow will be given next week at Pennsylvania's relay carnival, when the best staged at Shibe Park. vania's relay carnival, when the best

MATT HINKEL

Michigan Star Has Made Creat Inaugural Came of Series to Be led by Mr. Younger and the women Played at Shibe Park

Tomorrow

Everything was all wet at the Baker staged at Shibe Park.

half practice was held.

FOR BIG BOUT, VISITS CITY probably would see service before the points: McCullough, Brown Prep. 35 probably would see service before the game ended. Mack will send Scott Perry to the hill. Swarthmore Prep. 50 field goals, 120 fouls, 190 points; Yarnall, Swarthmore Prep. 50 field goals,

Carnegie Tech Washington, Pa., April 16 .- H. L., Honor R. C. H. S. Athletes

Tech at Pittsburgh; Saturday, May 10, Grove City at Grove City; Thursday, May 22, Grove City at Washington; Friday, May 23, Pitt at Pittsburgh; Friday, May 30, Pitt at Washington; Monday, June 2, or Tuesday, June 3 Westminister at Washington.

New Job for Fitzgerald New York, April 16.—Christopher J. Fits-spraid, for many years starter at the race tracks in the East, has been appointed gen-eral manager of the Empire ("My Racing Association, succeeding Colonel Matt Winn, who will manage the race courses in Louis-

New England League Meets April 24 Lowell, Mass., April 18.—A meeting of the reorganized New England Hameball Leagus will be held in Lawrence on April 16 to receive the report of the schodule

Lester Burdict Resigns Trenton, N. J., April 16.—The resignation of Lester Burdlet from the secretary ship of the New Jersey Boxing Commission was accepted yesterday by that body. None has been appointed to fill the vacancy.

NATIONAL LEAGUE PARK PHILLIES VS. ATHLETICS

SOPHOMORES WIN

Waddell's Field Goal in Final Minute Causes Freshmen's Defeat

HOLD GYM EXHIBITIONS

Waddell's sensational field goal in the final minute of play turned apparent defeat into victory for the Templa College sophomores last night in the final game of the season with the freshmen for the interclass championship. The final score was 20-19.

The game was very close at all times and at the end of the first fifteen minutes' play the teams were tie away at niue points. At the restart the yearlings obtained the jump, and on field goals by Barfoot and Geiger and a foul by Barfoot gained a five-point lead. rally and succeeded in winning the fail to hold the crest again the slip will come through pitching.

PREVENTED BY RAIN title in the last minute.

This contest was part of third annual demonstru This contest was part of the twentythird annual demonstration of the physical education department. The events included heavy gymnastics, the men performing on the side horse being going through varied exercises on parallel bars, directed by Miss Prophet. A fencing bout and Indian club swinging were also enjoyable features.

Graves High Scorer According to statistics kept by Pen-

All was soggy out at the A's stadium points. Burroughs, of Camden High Only one man stands out from the others—Johnson, of Michigan. He looks to be the fastest sprinter in college, but it is not expected that he will compete in this event at the eastern, and western intercollegiate championships in May and June.

All was soggy out at the A's stadium except a spot in the upper pavilion and the cunning Connie took advantage of the dry section, He stole a march on the Phils by having his battery men and a few of his infielders and outfielders work out in rubber-soled shoes.

After drilling the candidates for more than an hour in the morning Connie.

Burroughs, of Camden High, most field goals, 30 in one game against Haddonfield High. Segal, of Brown Prep, is next, with 23 scored against Perkiomen. McCullough, of Brown Prep, is best in foul goal throwing, with 120. Yarnall, of Syarthmore Prep, had most assists in one game, 13. After drilling the candidates for more than an hour in the morning Connie told his laborers that they could knock off for lunch. There was no let-up this afternoon when another hour and a half practice was held.

The completion follows: McManus, Pennsylvania Institute for Deaf, 59 field goals, 103 fouls, 221 points; Dinsmore, Germantown Academy, 62 field goals, 93 fouls, 217 points; Burroughs, 100 field goals, 103 fouls, 217 points; Burroughs, 105 field goals, 105 fouls, 227 points; Burroughs, 105 field goals, 105 fouls, 227 points; Burroughs, 105 field goals, 105 fouls, 105 fouls, 105 field goals, 105 fiel Jack Coombs announced that he Cumden High, 60 field goals, 91 fouls, would start Elmer Jacobs in the open-ing engagement and that Gene Packard Freshmen, 80 field goals, 42 fouls, 202 85 fouls, 185 points; Beecher, Darby W. AND J. TENNIS SCHEDULE
High. 46 field goals, 93 fouls, 185 points; Laughlin, St. Joseph's Prep. 37 field goals, 105 fouls, 179 points; Hasson, P. I. D., 74 field goals, 20 fouls, 168 points.

Donaldson Ligonier, manager of the Letters and numerals were awarded Washington and Jefferson College ten- to members of Catholic High basketball nis team; announced his schedule today five yesterday morning in the audito-as follows: Friday, May 9, Carnegie rium of the school by Professor John A.

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> IN THE SPORTLIGHT-By GRANTLAND RICE Concerning Pennant Contenders

No. 1-THE RED SOX THE Old Mackian Machine was supposed long ago to have been dismantled

and scattered to the various winds of a windy universe. But the bulk of it is still on guard under a Bostonian banner. Eddie Collins is with Chicago. Frank Baker is with New York. Eddie Plank and Chief Bender have vanished from the reservation.

But of those still in harness, the bulk now belongs to Boston. McInnis at first, Jack Barry at second, Strunk in the outfield, Bush and Pennock nitching to Wallie Schang-you still get a reminder of the old machine that plowed up pennant pastures from 1910 to 1914, with only one flag defeat in

The Red Sox, with five old Athletic stars, have nothing like the sleep-producing wallop which distinguished the old club.

But they have the greatest defensive machine in baseball-a barricade that can stand up before almost any known assault.

Added to the defensive play of McInnis at first and Barry at second, they have in Everett Scott, at short, one of the most remarkable infielders of the last decade. And they have in Oscar Vitt, at third, a cool, steady, brilliant third baseman-one of the best upon any roster.

McInnis—Barry—Scott—Vitt—if you can produce a finer defensive infield than this combination we'll inhale your straw hat without the aid of a di-It isn't a mighty batting array. It won't hit with the old Mackian output

from first to third. Outside of McInnis, there isn't a member who is likely to pass above .260.

BUT all four belong to that dangerous type of .240 or .250 batamen D that is likely to peel off a hit at any moment when a hit medns trouble. Barry, Scott and Vitt all belong to this class-light hitters until the kectic moment arrives, and then almost as dangerous as a Cobb or Speaker.

An Unusual Defense

BEFORE the season is very far along you will witness some defensive play from this infield that will make your hair curl. Keep your weather eye trained especially upon Everett Scott.

The game is full of brilliant shortstops, but in our scatter-brained opin-ion he is the kingpin of the row—the best one of a brilliant lot. Benny Kauff expressed it tersely, "Scott is in front of everything you

hit, no matter where you hit it."

A defense of the McInnis-Barry-Scott-Vitt array will take the heart out of the normal attack. When you keep plugging and can't break through, the Old Ambish all too frequently recedes.

THE attack is a vital department of baseball, but defensive play carries even greater importance. Owning a ball club, we'd rather have a strong defense and fairly weak attack any time than a strong attack and a weak defense.

In Other Ways

THE Red Sox outfield isn't remarkable-and yet it is among the best. I With Babe Ruth playing left it has in Ruth. Strunk and Hooper sufficient power and speed to more than hold its own. It has the punch against righthanders, and neither Strunk nor Hooper is any dub when a blow is needed. Both are fast and sure. Their defensive play is only a shade below the defensive strength of the infield.

 $m{A}^{ND}$ there is Frank Gilhooley at hand when Ruth is needed elsewhere.

The Pitching

THE pitching staff, with Bush, Mays, Jones, Caldwell and Pennock-aided A and abetted by Babe Ruth whenever needed—is good, but hardly great.

It doesn't strike us as being as brilliant as many rank it. If Ruth were to be used exclusively as a pitcher the case might be different. But switching the big left-hander from one job to another may not leave him as effective in the box as he used to be. Last season, even in an off year, he turned in only thirteen victories.

If Ray Caldwell has one of his good years the outlook here will be much brighter. But for all that, the present Red Sox staff doesn't compare with the old order which carried Ruth, Shore, Leonard and Mays for a steady diet. The staff is good enough to go through and win a pennant with fair luck The sophs, however, started a belated But the reserves are not sufficient to stand much misfortune. If the Red Sox

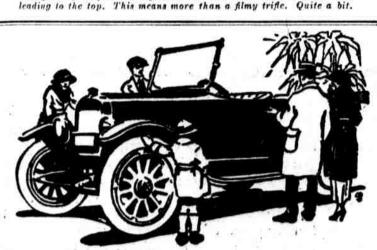
FOR with Schang and Walters back of the bat there isn't another uncertain link in the defensive chain.

Should Win THE Red Sox look good enough to win, despite their moderate attack. Be-I youd their great defensive strength they have an abnormal allotment of timely batsmen-and they have an esprit de corps beyond any club we have

Their morale belongs to the winning order. They never quit. They have the supreme confidence that comes from a long tradition of victory. They are at their best against the clubs they have to beat—whether at home or abroad. And while their batting eyes may not carry any .300 glow, any pitcher who believes he has a light job ahead in facing Ruth, Schang, Strunk, Hooper and McInnis may suddenly fall heir to a depressing shock.

Their offensive strength may not be imposing on copy paper nor in the

Annual Guide, but on the ball field it has the habit of meeting the situation when a precious tally is required to round out a winning afternoon. THIS club, composed of old Mackmen and old Red Sox, has the I Victorious Habit of Soul. It is made up of those who have found the open highway to victory and who have never lost the main trail



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