

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

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL, Sports Editor Evening Public Ledger

JACK 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.

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 coacher, but also by the players on the bench.

Jack Coombs will make his first appearance before a Philadelphia public in a Phils' uniform tomorrow 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 not over come good work before the season ends.

The big question is the pitching. If the moundmen can prevent the other guys from pushing in too many tallies everything will be lovely. It will be remembered that in baseball the side scoring the most runs always is victorious.

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 Phils will be an exhibition for the first time.

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.

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.

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.

THE Phils will need lots of practice for the opening series, which begins a week from tomorrow with the New York Giants.

Ray Morgan Lost to Phillies

IT 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.

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.

Brandell, the University of Michigan infielder, has retired from the game. This winter he sent back his contract, stating he wanted more money.

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.

Macks and Phils Even in City Series

LOOKING through the old records, we have discovered that the Athletics and Phils are about even in spring series games. The victory of the Athletics over the Nationals last summer in the Wearst benefit game is not considered, because it was played in midseason.

Seven games were played, three victories for each club and one tie. Three games were played down in Florida, where the deadlock occurred.

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.

THE final contest will long be remembered. Bob Shawkey was pitching against Alexander and apparently had the game sewed up until the eighth inning. Up to that time the Phils could do nothing with his delivery.

WONDER WHAT THE FIRST ROBIN THINKS ABOUT

Humorous dialogue between a man and a bird. The man asks if the bird is foolish coming around so soon, and the bird replies it's anxious to get settled down for the summer. The man wonders if any of the rest of the bunch have showed up yet, and the bird says it's the very first to go over to Henry's house.

HOPPE POSTS \$2500 FORFEIT FOR MATCH

1500 Points 18.2 Balkline for \$5000 Side, Winner Take All, Terms of Champion

THIRTY DAYS TO ACCEPT

Milwaukee, Wis., April 16.—Willie F. Hoppe, champion billiardist of the world, today called two persistent challengers, Jake Schaefer and Welker Cochran, for championship matches by depositing with the Brunswick Balke Candler Company of America \$2500 forfeit.

The challenge must be accepted within thirty days or no attention will be given either one.

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.

Yankees Increase Lead Orangeburg, S. C., April 16.—The New York Yankees drew further away from the Brooklyn Dodgers in the series between the two teams yesterday, when the men of Hugues defeated the boys of the Braves by a score of 5 to 1.

HINKEL, PROBABLE REFEREE FOR BIG BOUT, VISITS CITY

Noted Cleveland Promoter and Ring Official Interviews Local Boxing Men

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 championship, came to town today to look over local talent for his boxing shows.

Hinkel is known throughout the country as a real sportsman and one of the most capable and fair referees in the game. He has officiated in many famous battles and not once has his decision been questioned.

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

By PETER PUTER

THE Shawnee Country Club is in a quandary over the annual Buckwood tournament. The dates announced are for July, but Reggie Worthington, the secretary of the club, is anxious to get dates in June.

But it seems that the annual tournament for the women at Shawnee is scheduled for June 19 to 21. Apparently the only way out of it would be for Shawnee to change the dates of the women's tournament, which while an important tournament does not draw as big a field as the Buckwood event.

JOHNSON FAVORITE IN RELAY SPRINTS Michigan Star Has Made Great Record in Short-Distance Events

Everything was all wet at the Baker baseball home today and the opening game of the series with the Athletics for the city championship was postponed until tomorrow.

PHILS-A'S OPENING PREVENTED BY RAIN Inaugural Game of Series to Be Played at Shibe Park Tomorrow

W. AND J. TENNIS SCHEDULE Six Matches Arranged; First With Carnegie Tech

NEW JOB FOR FITZGERALD New York, April 16.—Christopher J. Fitzgerald, for many years starter at the race track in the East, has been appointed general manager of the Empire City Racing Association, succeeding Colonel Matt Winn.

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NEW ENGLAND LEAGUE MEETS APRIL 24 Lowell, Mass., April 16.—A meeting of the New England League of Professional Baseball will be held in Lawrence on April 24 to receive the report of the schedule committee.

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BASEBALL—TODAY—BASEBALL NATIONAL LEAGUE PARK PHILS vs. ATHLETICS

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SOPHOMORES WIN TEMPLE CAGE TITLE

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 Temple College sophomores last night in the final game of the season with the freshmen for the interclass championship. The final score was 20-19.

GRAVES HIGH SCORER According to statistics kept by Penrose Rosemund, Graves, the University of Pennsylvania freshman basketball star, was the leading field goal scorer of the season.

LET THE WHOLE FAMILY VOTE Nothing pleases us better than to have a chance to show the Briscoe to the whole family at once.

FOR there's something about it that appeals especially to every member. Father appreciates the wonderful fuel and oil economy. Mother is attracted by the beautiful lines.

BRISCOE

BULK OF OLD MACK MACHINE NOW UNDER BOSTONIAN BANNER

Red Sox, With McInnis, Barry, Strunk, Bush, Schang and Pennock, Lack Sleep-Producing Wallop, but Possess Greatest Defensive Machine in Game

IN THE SPOTLIGHT—By GRANTLAND RICE

Concerning Pennant Contenders

THE Old Mackian Machine was supposed long ago to have been dismantled and scattered the various winds of a windy universe. But the bulk of it is still on guard under a Bostonian banner.

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 pitching 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 five years.

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 your 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 digestive pill.

It isn't a mighty battering army. 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 .200.

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 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.

THE Red Sox outfield isn't remarkable—and yet it is among the best. 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 right-handers, and neither Strunk nor Hooper is any dud when a blow is needed.

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