

WOODWARD GOES LIMIT TO GET IDEA OF HITLESS GAME ACROSS ON CONNIE MACK'S ATHLETICS

WOODWARD'S HITLESS PARADE GIVES GAME TO A'S BY BIG MARGIN

Youthful Hurler Has Private Procession While Searching for the Home Plate—Home Clubs Are Now Tied in Series—Play at Shibe Park Today

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WHEN Frank Meriwell Woodward, the youthful, aspiring, ambitious hurler of the Combs brigade, tried to pitch a no-hit baseball game at the ball park yesterday the spectators congratulated themselves that the clock had been turned one hour ahead, which insured sixty minutes of additional daylight. Woody had made up his mind that no one was going to hit that ball, and went the limit to get his idea across.

There are several ways of pitching a no-hit game. One is to baffle the opposition with dazzling speed and curves and have perfect support from the eight other members of the team. That is according to Hoyle. But Woody evidently never has read that book. He had a different method of holding the enemy hitless, and got by beautifully on the first four batters that faced him. Woody hurled the ball in such a manner that it was impossible to hit it. The opposing batsmen could have left their bats on the bat rack, for there was no chance to connect with any of the twisters. Woody threw them high and low ones; inside and far, FAR on the outside; all of which were allowed to whizz harmlessly by.

Then the parade started. Bobby Roth was handed a ticket and foolishly stole second, because Burns also received a pass. More foolish stuff was perpetrated when Bobby and George executed a double steal. They should have waited, because Woody passed Witt and they would have moved anyway. With every inch of the sacks occupied by the hitless runners, Thomas stepped up.

Proud of baffling the first trio of sluggers, Woody decided to keep up the good work. He was determined that Thomas would not get a hit, and he didn't. Instead, he accepted four wide ones, treated to first and Roth used homeward under wraps. The no hit game was looking better every minute.

Woody grew careless after that and when Dugan appeared a ball accidentally drifted over the plate. Joe did nothing but soak the sphere into the far corner of left field for two bags, securing a pair ahead of him. The Phil pinner was irate because his afternoon had been spoiled and fanned the next two batters. Shannon, however, whacked another two-bagger, which counted two more runs, and the next man retired unanimously on three perfectly good strikes.

WOODY made a record in that season. He passed four, allowed five runs on ten hits and whiffed three batters. He seated by the Athletics by walking them around the bases and having them stiff and sore for today's game. Woody upset everything when he batted the home plate.

Opposing Teams Play at Shibe Park Today

NOW the series is even Stephen, and the home trainers must play the southern trainers this afternoon to find out which system is the worst. Harry Siebold and his roundhouse curve stood the Phils on their ears and gave them every form of exercise except running bases and scoring runs. In fact, the Phils haven't scored yet so far as yesterday's game is concerned. Harry twisted them all over the place and should have twisted a hitless encounter. In the second old man Witt narrowly escaped being hit on the head when he misjudged Cady's high fly, which dropped safe for a double, and in the fifth Kopp played Pearce's drive like a blacksmith and allowed it to bound off the tips of his fingers for another double. Harry should speak harshly to his outfielders.

King Johnson worked the last four innings and allowed six hits, but nothing serious happened. As soon as an alien appeared on the paths King tightened up like the prohibition South and the staff was off. The A's had the pitching yesterday and won the game. The Phils didn't have it, so they lost.

Joe Desinger worked fairly good for five innings, but was getting into trouble when Woodward was called to put on his private parade. The A's soured the ball with zest and fervor, demonstrating they had an off day on Thursday. Roth, Burns and Witt came through with two hits each and the others obliged when bingles were necessary. Doug Baird and Luden did the best scuffling for the Phils, but their hits were wasted.

Baneroff was robbed of a double in the third when Witt roared over to left center and dragged down his lengthy liner. That was the best play of the day—that and Woody's procession. Woody, however, need not worry about his showing yesterday. He is a good pitcher and will be a valuable man for his team this year. Yesterday he was too anxious.

TODAY the scene shifts to Shibe Park and there should be some nerve-racking baseball. Connie has been saving Kinney for mound duty and Connors is likely to use Packard and Prendergast.

Likely That Willard Is Financing Bout

THE story that Jess Willard is financing the championship bout between himself and Jack Dempsey seems logical when one does up the happenings of the last two months. First came the news that Willard had consented to box for \$100,000 and Tex Rickard had the signed articles. Then Dempsey spilled ink on the papers and everything was arranged except the place, length of bout and the naming of a referee.

After that there has been a scarcity of news. Rickard has been traveling in the West, paying lots of attention to his oil property, but saying nothing about the big fuss. He is supposed to tell the world where it will be held on May 4 and insists that nothing will be given out until that time.

In the meantime, Willard is training at his home in Lawrence, Kan., and is annoying no one. Dempsey is on a theatrical tour making lots of money, and neither fighter apparently is worrying over the details of the match. All of which means they have an idea of where it is to be staged, the number of rounds and know how much training it will take to get into condition. The chances are the battle will be staged in the West, unless long distance bouts are allowed in New York.

For a long time wise persons have hinted that Willard was the main guy behind the match, because of his connection with his circus and his knowledge of the show business. They pointed out that the champion is too good a business man to pass up an opportunity to make a load of money and appointed Rickard his agent at a certain percentage. We don't know whether this is true or not, but, as was said before, it sounds logical.

Down in Jacksonville a couple of weeks ago we met one of the men who worked for Willard before the circus was sold. He told us he was on his way to join Jess and work for him until after the big fight. He said many of the old employes had been asked to get back on the job for the big fuss on July 4.

WILLARD is training hard and is said to be in better shape than when he tussled with Johnson in Havana. He weighs 259 pounds and expects to tip the beam at 235 when he faces Dempsey.

Ross Has Formidable String

BILLY KELLY will face the barrier again this afternoon in the Philadelphia Handicap at Havre de Grace. Motor Cop, his stablemate, War Pennant, Pen Rose, Pickwick and Starling also are among the eleven horses entered in the race.

Commander J. K. Ross is having quite a little success at this meeting, landing three winners the first two days. His string looks good and he will have some formidable steeds to turn loose in the Kentucky Derby next month.

BILLY KELLY is the star of the stable and is expected to win at least \$100,000 in purses this year. Motor Cop also is good and will be out in front most of the time.

Isn't Gratitude in New Dictionaries

LAST year Bob Fulwell, working under a wartime contract, took charge of the University of Pennsylvania football team and tried to turn out a lately good eleven. He was taken ill with influenza one afternoon, carried off the football field and sent to the hospital. Two weeks later he went out to Franklin Field to help the team, was stricken with pneumonia and almost lost his life.

AFTER doing that, it is reported, his contract was sliced to a very small figure—less than that of a small college coach. Isn't that good gratitude in the new dictionaries?

SOME guys out West have disputed Fred Knight's golf marathon record. Fred traveled thirty-five miles in one day and soaked the pill every time he swung. If they can beat that, he will have to prove it. But who has nerve to take a chop?

THE SUPREME SACRIFICE



PENN CHANGES SHELL FOR RACE WITH YALE

Varsity and Junior Crews Switch Boats on Eve of Clash on Housatonic

BIG RACE STARTS AT SIX

Seating and Statistics of Penn-Yale Regatta

Table with 2 columns: Penn Varsity and Yale Varsity, listing names and scores.

New Haven, Conn., April 19.—Sneeding over the course yesterday the two Penn varsity crews took their final practice for their dual racing program against Yale this afternoon.

Following the Penn practice Coach Wright said that, while his two crews were only paddling the first eight oars the distance in 6 minutes, 20 seconds. The record for the course is 5 minutes 27 1/2 seconds. This was made by the Yale first eight last Saturday.

Head Coach Doctor Abbott, of the Yale crew, said: "I feel that my second varsity eight should prove especially strong and I think that chances favor victory for it. My first eight has a hard struggle ahead."

No Severe Work Coach Wright gave both boats a half hour's work about sunset in racing starts, but no severe work was attempted.

The change in swapping shells for the first and second eights has been found to work admirably, and Coach Abbott, of Yale, is thinking of ordering a similar change for the Eli eights.

All the oarsmen in the four eights will complete their work in good condition, and no eleven-hour changes are planned. A big automobile contingent from New York will come here and the auto routes were outlined and discussed for witnesses by the Chamber of Commerce.

Parking Space Parking space for 2000 cars has been provided. There will be no observation train, but expresses from New York city and returning immediately after the races have been arranged for.

All crews weighed in. Both of the Yale crews averaged just one pound more than their respective opponents.

Yes, They Do Play Golf at Cobbs Creek Sunday

In Fact, They Have Been Doing It Ever Since the Course Opened for Play Nearly Three Years Ago

BY PETER PUTTER It when I was a boy and that was some few years ago, and even then we could read all about it in the sporting columns every Monday morning.

Yet there is no quieter place in the city of Philadelphia than Cobbs Creek on a May Sunday. You could go out there and you would be surprised to learn that more than 300 golfers were playing. But if you took the trouble to sit down at one of the trees and watch the scene come up, for their balls and go on their way quietly you would get some idea of the popularity of the game on a Sunday.

Out in Chicago, before the several municipal courses were built, the usual method for many of the younger men and women to spend Sunday was to get a dray and load it down with kegs of beer and food and go out in the country. Today the young and the old get up as early as 4 in the morning and spend some part of the day on the courses, and the police of Chicago will tell you that these beer-drinking bouts are things of the past and that the men and women who play golf on Sundays are as orderly and as well behaved as you can find anywhere in that big city.

Yes, They Play Sunday Golf The amusing side of this argument is that for nearly three years ago the surprising number of 476-1 I think that is the number—played over our municipal course. The average number of players every Sunday from the middle of April till the last of November is somewhere around 300 and in most cases it is more.

So it is remarkable at this day to protest against the opening of Fairmount Park to tennis, baseball and croquet, for nearly three years ago an average of at least 300 persons have been "breaking" the Sabbath by playing golf in Cobbs Creek. I wonder, also, if the antagonists of a safe and sane Sunday are aware of the fact that there is rowing on the Schuylkill, and that it has been the custom for years for the boat clubs to practice for regattas on Sundays. They were doing

Cincinnati Refuses to Pay Roush \$10,000 a Year Cincinnati, April 19.—Pat Moran, manager of the Cincinnati Reds, announced today that the demand of Eddie Roush, his hard-hitting outfielder, for a salary of \$10,000 a year, would not be met. He added: "We have offered Roush a contract calling for more money than any other outfielder in the National League is getting, but we will not pay him \$10,000. That is final and definite."

Lehigh at Fordham New York, April 19.—The Fordham baseball team will meet the strong Lehigh University nine at Fordham field this afternoon.

Fuller Scranton Golf Leader Scranton, Pa., April 19.—Mortimer B. Paul, president of the Scranton Country Club's golf team, he succeeds P. H. Coffin, who declined re-election.

Scraps About Scappers MACHINER HERMAN TAYLOR has arranged three more star-bouts for his weekly show at the Atlantic City Sporting Club on Thursday night. Bantamweight Jimmie Pappas, of Atlanta, and Max Williams come together in the main eight-round fray.

Wille Spencer, the Gloucester boy, and Little Bear will be seen in the second round session, Patsy Wallace battles Young Merion in the third bout over the eight round distance.

Frankie Mouse meets Young Travers in the opening six round bout. Artie Kaut will be here from Cleveland tomorrow to match Jimmie Pappas in the second round. The English featherweight, in the main battle at the Olympia Hotel, will be the champion of Frankie Brown hopes to end Fox's championship by his next meeting.

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MIDDIES FAVORITE IN TODAY'S RACES

Victory Over Penn Gives Navy Academy Slight Edge in Varsity Event

Annapolis, Md., April 19.—Harvard was the later arrival of the two rowing squads that will oppose the Midshipmen this afternoon, when varsity and freshmen eights of Harvard, Princeton and Navy meet on the Severn. The regatta will extend over a course of a mile and seven-eighths in length. Princeton arrived Thursday night, but its boats did not get here until yesterday and they had only a brief practice on the water.

Harvard has made an excellent impression here, as has Princeton. A close race is expected. The freshmen race will start about 4 and the varsity about 10 minutes later. Both Navy crews have something on their competitors in weight. The first Navy crew averages 170 1/2 pounds. The Plebes hit 180, the heaviest crew of the river. Harvard's varsity averages 177 1/2 and its freshmen 177 even. Princeton is not so heavy as either of its opponents. The Tiger varsity averages 171 1/2 pounds and the youngsters 160 1/2.

GOLF FINAL TODAY Morrison Plays Fownes for Pinehurst Honors

Pinehurst, N. C., April 19.—The semifinals of the mid-April golf tournament were played on the championship course here yesterday, Tom Morrison and H. C. Fownes, fellow members of the Oakmont Country Club, qualifying for today's final contest for the president's trophy.

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ALEX, TYLER, VAUGHN EXPECTED TO CLINCH 55 GAMES THIS YEAR

On Past Performances This Same Trio Is Capable of Turning in 71 Wins, and With Little Help From Douglas and Hendrix Cubs Should Sail to Pennant

IN THE SPOTLIGHT—BY GRANTLAND RICE

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No. 3—Chicago's Entries

Exhibit A—The Cubs

A VETERAN baseball observer offered this sage observation a few days ago: "Any ball club that has three pitchers who can turn in fifty-five victories has a big jump toward the pennant. Ninety victories in a 140-game schedule will almost surely win. If three pitchers can turn in fifty-five victories, it is no great trouble in getting three or four others who can turn in the remaining thirty-five needed to get there."

With Alexander, Vaughn and Tyler the Cubs certainly have three pitchers who can turn in the required fifty-five victories—plus a few more. With Hendrix, Douglas and others they have a staff capable of securing the residue. Alexander has been good for thirty victories or better for his last three years. Last season Jim Vaughn turned in twenty-two conquests, while Lefty Tyler compiled nineteen.

On past performances this trio would be good for seventy-one winning games. Chop away eleven of these against accidents and such, and they will be good for sixty. This leaves Douglas, Hendrix and others only thirty games to put the Cook county machine safely through.

For pennant-winning purposes the Cub staff looks to be the most effective in the league, not even barring Brooklyn with Grimes, Marquard, Sherrod Smith, Cadore, Cheney and Pfeffer.

FOR two stars such as Alexander and Vaughn linked together are of mighty value to any baseball machine. And when you recall the late details that show the Cubs able to win minus Alexander in 1918 you can see without the aid of a Lick telescope where they would be with the Big Cannoner on guard.

An Average Machine

OUTSIDE of the pitching staff, the Cubs have only a good average machine. But they have one that is fairly sound. An infield bolstered by the veteran Merkle and the brilliant young Hollocher is no flabby array of talent. The outfield is nothing miraculous, but capable of poking along at a moderate clip. But no great outfield is needed with such pitching and a strong defensive infield holding the line.

The Cubs have a sterling factor also in Killefer back of the bat, a workman always good for more than 300 games. Unless John J. Moran can round up a first-class pitching staff the Cubs are almost certain to win again.

If Feely Schupp returns to form, aided and further abetted by Rube Benton, Barnes, Winters and possibly Fred Toney, the Cubs will have a terrific battle ahead before they cross the wilderness into the promised land. For the Giants have a much stronger attack and in Burns, Kauff and Young an outfield that overshadows the Cub trio with more than a trifle to spare.

THE Cubs and Giants are the two clubs which should fight it out. The slight Cub advantage rests in the fact that Chicago's pitching staff is a well-poised quantity, while the Giant staff is still a guess.

Exhibit B—The White Sox

THE main battle which the White Sox face at this young April juncture is to finish in the first division. We haven't run across a ball player on a rival club who figures they have a chance to beat out Boston or Cleveland, among others, and only an outside chance to beat out New York and Washington.

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THE Sox at their best had a big winner in Eddie Cicotte, but Cicotte is no more youth. He was also a good pitcher with Augustus back in 1903 and 1905, but that was fourteen or fifteen years ago.

Gleason's Chance

GLEASON has exceptionally strong spots in his machine, but his one lone chance to beat out such clubs as Boston and Cleveland lies in producing a strong pitching staff—a stronger staff than he seems to have just now.

There may be a big change from the upset of last year in the mental bearings of this club—but figuring this in it will still have a tidy time of it climbing above third place.

QUOTE a tidy line of it—as such things go.

RICHARDS PLAYS TILDEN TODAY AT RIVERTON CLUB

Two Other Exhibition Tennis Matches Also Scheduled; Interscholastic League Will Endeavor to Get Going

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