# WITH DODGERS IN LEAD, NATIONAL LEAGUE RACE NOW LOOKS LIKE A BROOKLYN HANDICAP

### JACK COOMBS ALSO HAS LEARNED THAT HOME TRAINING AIDS

Series With Athletics Has Done More Than Southern Drill to Prime Phils for Opener With Giants Wednesday - Athletics Start in Washington

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WHEN the Athletics and Phils decide the training camp championship of Philadelphia or whatever they are playing for today, everything will be In readiness for the grand opening of the 1919 baseball season on Wednesday. The Phils will tackle the heavy artillery bossed by Jawn Meticaw on the home of and the Macks journey to Washington to fight it out with Walter Johnson and eight or nine other ball players of minor importance. Other big league ball clubs also will have grand openings except Brooklyn and Boston, who were too impatient to wait until April 23 and performed on the 19th. After Wednesday the won and lost rolumn will be one of the principal news features in all of our very best dailies

The A's have put over a couple of victories on the Phils and the score is two to one in favor of the American Leaguers. On Saturdar, with the strength of the team laid up for repairs and George Burns taking upon himself a wife, Mack's maulers soaked the men of Coombs in the third conflict of the series. The victory was entirely unexpected and it shows the caliber of the Shihe Packers this year. The worst they can get now is an even break. for if they lose today the final standing will be two and two, while a victory will put them in the lead, three and one.

Coombs needs another good infielder, and this was apparent when Dong Baird lost an argument with I mpire Tommy Keenan and was put out of the game Saturday. There was no one to take his place but Wallace, the kid collegian. Wallace is an ambitious player, but needs more experience before he can take his place in the fast set. If one of the regulars is injured in the early part of the season the Phils will be up against it. A utility infielder should be secured without delay.

FRANK WOODWARD, who puts on private parades, will pitch for the Phils today in the last game of the series at the Phils' park. Connie probably will use Scott Perry for a couple of innings to get his arm warmed up, and finish with Jing Johnson. Naylor also may be inserted before the battle is over.

#### Luderus Has Wonderful Record as Player

ONE of the least appreciated baseball players in the major league is Fred Luderus, first baseman of the Phils. Your in and year out, the big slugger is out there delivering the goods, giving the best there is in him and seldom getting any credit from the fans. Because he is not a flashy player of the Stuffy McInnis or Hal Chase type, it doesn't necessarily follow that he is a low-grade performer. Ludy is a stendy, consistent, seasoned player, one who is on the job every day, and while he is not a brilliant, scintillating first baseman, he gets almost everything and the fans know he is trying. Every chance is a hard one for Lude

The reason for this screed is a little communication sent us the other day by Al Munro Elias, the demon statistician. Al is a great guy at figgers. and he has figgered some facts about Big Fred, which are interesting. According to the dope, Ludy has been in every game played by the Phils since June 2, 1916. He has not missed a single game in almost three years and has a consecutive run of 395 contests. Pretty good for any league, we'd say,

If Ludy goes through eighty-four games straight he will smash the record by Eddie Collins in the "iron man" league. Eddie bung up a straight run of 478 games, which came to an end last year.

In addition to being steady on the job, Luderus is a great help to his club with his long clouts. He is one of the most dangerous hitters in the league and last year drove in more runs than any other man on the Phils. He is a dependable; sincere, hard worker, seldomahas a slump and some one should come out with a few words of appreciation for his work. Just take a look at the figgers compiled by Elias and draw your own conclusions, because figgers don't lie. Also please note his batting average for 395 games is .283 and his fielding average is .988. Here is the dope

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EVERETT SCOTT is the only American League player who has a eredit, having started on June 20, 1916. Scotty looks good for another season and it will be a great endurance race between him and Luderus

### Cal Delaney Makes Hit at the National

ONE of the most pleasing boxing bouts seen here in many a day was put on at the National last Saturday night when Cal Delaney, of Cleveland. scored a decisive victory over Joe Phillips, the rugged, iron-jawed Italian. Cal showed he was elever, had a punch and could take one. He kept after his man from the start and never let up for an instant. In the second round he had Phillips all but out, injuring his right hand on the Italian's head After that Delaney used his left most of the time and inflicted much pun-

Delaney is a fighter and loves the game. He was stationed in England during the war and took part in the boxing tournament for the king's trophy. Enfortunately, there were too many 135 pounders and Cal was told to sit on the sidelines. This he refused to do and went in the welterweight division. where he reached the finals. After that it was discovered that the United States did not have a middleweight, so Cal boxed in that class, again reaching the finals. He gave away as much as twenty pounds in some of the buttles, but fought just the same and gave a good account of himself. He was the most popular American boxer in the tournament.

Cal now is under the management of Jimmy Dunn and has declared was on all members of the 135-pound class. He shows promise of developing into a wonderful little fighter and will be heard from in the future.

After the wind up and Johnny Kilbane was in his dressing room, Johnny Mahoney came in to apologize to the champion for butting him over the eye, Mahoney believed he had committed a social error, forgetting that Kilbane had knocked him stiff in the fifth round and had him reeling all over the ring in the sixth, when Pop O'Brien used excellent judgment and stopped the bout, "I'm serry, Johnny," said Mahoney. "I didn't mean it and hope you won't be laid up long."

"I'm sorry I hit you on the chin," replied Kilbane, "but don't let that worry you. All of us get it sooner or later, and you must expect it. Hope I didn't hurt you and I wish you good luck."

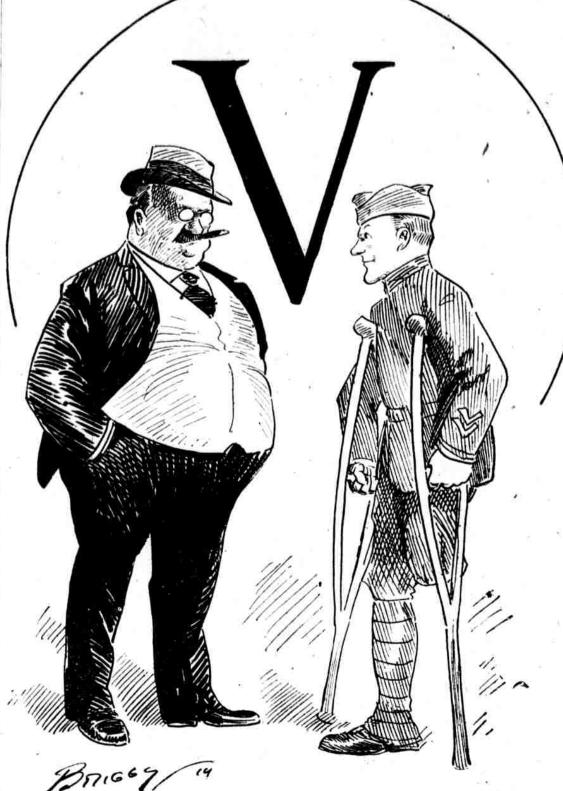
"CAN you beat that!" asked Nick Hayes, who was among those present, as usual. "Two guys kiddin' each other after a fight. Instead of hittin' Mahoney on the heezer for buttin', Kilbane hands him advice. 'Tain't right that's all, 'tain't right."

THEX RICKARD will have a chance today to accept or reject a proposition to stage the Willard-Dempsey battle in Cumberland, Md.; providing, of he has the power to do any accepting or rejecting. A committee from Maryland city left Philadelphia this morning to confer with the promoter. party included John Pardee, representative of Governor Harrington; Philir Roman, state's attorney; Thomas W. Koon, mayor of Cumberland, and Billy Rocap. These men can assure Rickard of a site to hold a twenty-round cision contest where railway facilities are the very best and the scating capacity more than 50,000. A definite answer will be demanded, for the proposition is said to be a good one.

THE boxing bill has been killed in New York, which means Philadelphia will be the popular spot for outdoor bouts this summer. Leon Rains has ed the Phillies' park for the season and will stage some high-class at-

DROOKLYN now leads the National League, and Charley Ebbets feels so good that he announced the purchase of Ed Konetchy to play first base. at purchase stuff sounds great, for Koney is a free agent and it requires a railroad ticket to pry him loose from his home in St. Louis.

SEBALL will have a big season. A crowd of 28,000 witnessed the games between the Braves and Brooklyn at Boston Saturday, WHEN A FELLER NEEDS A FRIEND TO FINISH THE JOB KILBANE IS FOULED,



# LOCAL PLAYERS TO MEET HILL SCHOOL

Annual Visit to Pottstown Scheduled for This Wednesday Afternoon

JOIN THE NATIONAL BODY

ers will make its annual trip to the Severn more than a week ago. Hill School, Pottstown, to meet the The Annapolis blades backed up the tennis squad of that institution this prediction of the Penn coach by sweep-Wednesday afternoon. The match was ing the river in the triangular regatts originally scheduled for Friday, but in- last Saturday and parceling out what element weather caused a postpone is believed to be the worst defeat ever

Richards, of Germantown Cricket Club; Princeton. The Crimson was so far umpires in the country, will make the the line. trip more in the capacity of an official Forty Seconds Difference .

Idle Hour Admitted

membership in the United States Lawn chance. time ago and received word this morning that it had been successful.

trict to apply for membership is the Plebes Win Easily Riverton Country Club, Riverton, N. and Schaefer in doubles.

The admission of the Idle Hour and the number of clubs in this district up to near the thirty mark. This assures Philadelphia of quite a vote in the national body when important issues are at stake.

### Leagues Open Saturday

The Tri-State Tennis and Suburban League will get going in full order this Saturday afternoon. The opening matches of the Tri-State League will ring together Belfield at Overbrook, Wilmington at Riverton, Germantown

at Cynwyd.

Fourteen inter-club competitions are scheduled for the Suburban Associa-The first day's matches will be between Elberon at University courts. Glenside at Stenton A. C., American Bridge at Relfield and P. R. R. Y. M.

## Navy First Crew Class of Collegiate Aquatics

Middies Back Wright's Judgment by Leaving Harvard Fourteen Lengths in Rear-Penn Shows Great Form in Beating Yale Varsity

"I DON'T see how they can be In these words Joe Wright expressed his opinion of the Navy crew after the Middies had administered a three-A team of Philadelphia tenuts plays length defeat to the Penn varsity on the

recorded in collegiate aquatic history. The local players who are expected Coach Glendon's crew finished fourtto make the trip are Paul W. Gibbons, een lengths ahead of the Harvard oarsof Cynwyd; Bill Tilden and Vincent men and seventeen lengths ahead of Al Hoskins, of Merion; Art Picolet, of behind that the Middies could have had Cynwyd, and Percy Osborne, of Bel- their boat docked and half dressed field. Hoskins, who is one of the best before the Cambridge boat swept over

This annual visit is in conjunction seconds in the Navy and Harvard times. with promotion of junior tennis. Every The course was over a stretch of a was the only crew to win at Annapolis. now and then the Hill School players mile and seven eights by common agree- lost to the Yale juniors by less than now and then the Hill School players mile and seven eights by common agree-win a match, but they still have to gain ment instead of the usual mile and five-however, was handicapped by the Illthe majority of victories. Four singles sixteenths. The Navy time was 10 ness of Doremus, No. 6, who was unand one doubles contest are held. The minutes 51 4-5 seconds; Harvard's 11 able to row, f Hill School players are coached by Dr. minutes 31 seconds, and Princeton 11 Penn Improves minutes and 41 seconds.

Tennis Association. The local organization applied for membership a short
and from the present outlook there is ever made by a Red and Blue crew Jimmy Myson vs. Al Moore. no crew in the country that could beat over the Henley course, them. Overconfidence seems to be the Another club in the Philadelphia Dis- only thing that will sink the Navy shell. 3-5 faster than the figures made against

Not only did the Middle first eight tonic and Severn were different. Through the efforts of Howard score s one-sided triumph. but the Three of the four crews that rowed J. Through the efforts of Howard Coe, chairman of the tennis committee, the New Jersey club is taking a great interest in tennis. Three exhibition matches were held there Saturday. Tilden defeated Wallace Johnson, Craig Biddle downed Carlton Schaefer while Biddle and Johnson won from Tilden Biddle and Johnson won from Tilden Carlton Schaefer in doubles.

Three of the four crews that rowed on the Housatonic waters beat the record for the course. The exception was the Yale varsity and the 6:31 2.5 make by the Blue first eight tied the mark. The Yale second cight was clocked in 6:27 3.5 and the Penn Juniors in 6:30 2.5. conditions were virtually the same.

More than a week ago Penn lost to the Riverton Country Club will bring the Navy by three lengths, and on Sat- ALFRED GRENDA SURPRISES urday the Red and Blue regained some

> Penn Charter Leads in Tennis League

INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE

Results of Saturday's College Baseball Games

The results of college baseball games played last Saturday follow Holy Cross, 4; Penn, 2. Lafayette, 3; Cornell, 2. Springfield, 7: Harvard, 1. Williams, 5; Massachusetts Ag-

es, 4 (14 innings). Maryland State, 7; Penn State, 1. Fordham, 9; Lehigh, 2, Maryland, 5; Navy, 2, Stevens, 10; P. M. C., 2, New York Univ., 7: Union, 3 Colby, 6: Maine, 2. Bowdoin, 13! Bates, 4. Brown, 7: Amherst, 0. Tufts. 12; Army, 1. West Virginia, 3; Ohio Wesley

lost prestige by beating Yale by the There was a difference of almost forty same distance.

The Quakers unquestionably showed The Idle Hour Tennis Club, of West the tide were against the shells, and the pull that denoted power, and there was Philadelphia, has been admitted to Tigers and the Crimson never had a a smoothness of motion that denoted of Girardville, entertain in the semi-Wright believes Glendon has the best in 6:20 2-5 which is only two-fifths lows: Frankie Conway vs. Dave Astey Penn's time on Saturday was 1:13

the Navy, but conditions on the Housa-

Defeats Kramer and Spencer in Bike Races

Newark, April 21 .- Alfred Grends, the lanky Australian, gave 12,000 bike fans the surprise of their lives when he defeated Frank L. Kramer and Arthur Spencer in a three-fornered match race at the Velodrome yesterday.

A nine-hour marathon will be held on osta's Alleys on Thursday. Entries will onsist of twelve or eighteen teams. Each clayer will be required to roll at least one-hird of the games. All teams entared will se limited to a 350 average for the team.

Eddie Murphy Signs

Mahoney "Butts" Champion Over Eye in Fifth and Passes Out in Sixth

ROOT AND FOX AT OLYMPIA

By JAMES S. CAROLAN

Johnny Mahoney, the retreating Hazleton representative, received three important lessons from Professor Kil hane at the National on Saturday night First he was instructed in boxing, next in ring etiquette and last in punch receiving. Mahoney was going along nicely, taking many jabs without protest when he very thoughtlessly and playfully tossed his head against Kilbane's eye and drew the blood.

This is against all the rules of ring warfare. Kilbane resented the affront and proceeded to shatter Ty Cobb's hitting record. The champion hit accurately and his punching was so effect ive that he forced Referee Frank (Pop) O'Brien to stop the bloody battle early in the sixth round.

Kilbane gave his greatest exhibition of hitting in this city. That uncalled for "butt" in the middle of the fifth round which ripped a deep gash along the side of Kilbane's left eye stimulated the champion and it was nothing but nction until the abbreviated finish.

Kilhane Walves Foul

Mahoney's act was a deliberate one. After the fight Referce O'Brien said it was a foul, but he allowed the fight to

continue upon the request of Kilbane. Mahoney never took such a lacing round and just one minute of the sixth. He was battered all over the ring, his body and head taking numerous terrific punches. The severe bombardment had the upstater helpless and battered when

the referee stepped between them. For four rounds Kilbane gave a very fine exhibition of boxing. Mahoney was completely on the defensive and Clevelander had difficulty in breaking down that guard. Even his uppercut that Mahoney defense. That "butt" sufficient to swing the pendulum of The change in the tide of the fight

was sudden. Even Louis Jaffe, who made a special trip from Washington to see his old friend Kilbane battle, was shocked when he saw the usually I cautious champion walk into an opponent with guard down and prepared exchange punch for punch. Just as the referee was breaking

with his extended arms and protested. Referee O'Brien upheld the protest.

Dropped by Right

With the blood streaming down the side of his face and concentrating upon his chest, Kilbane was a picture. Mahoney tried to reach the wound with his right, but one swing and Mahoney's attack ceased. Kilbane crossed a right to the chin and followed with two lefts to the body. The body blows brought down Mahoney's guard and in an stant a right to the jaw dropped the

six count, but was too weak to rise and

further punishment by the gong. the job in the sixth. The weak Mahoney offered a ready target. His face took two lefts. With Mahoney's body completely exposed. Kilbane shot a ter rific right to the abdomen that made his crippled foe crumple.

drove Mahoney across the ring.

Dazed and helpless, Mahoney Cas open for a real knockout punch. The The vidual by halting the combat.

Root Meets Fox

Kilbane plans to be at the ringside at the Olympia tonight. Two feather weight contenders clash in the main act Artie Root, a fellow townsman, takes on Joey Fox. claimant to the featherweight honors of England. This is an The Red and Blue second eight, which elimination affair and the loser doubtless will have to forfeit his chance to battle the champion. This should be a test for Fox. The

Englishman has been successful since making his debut here a few months ago. Root is one of the best upsetters of dope that has appeared here in mouths. He forced Frankie Brown to Dooin, former manager of the Phillies seek cover. Fox also may be compelled who has been named as playing man-Conditions were just right for the better form against Yale than against to forget that he came over here to anthe Middles. There was a drive in each nex the feather crown. Frankie Clark and Young Weyman

### TWO 1919 FAVORITES THEN STOPS RIVAL ARE DEPENDING UPON DEFENSE, NOT ATTACK

Neither Red Sox Nor Cubs Carry Abnormal Wallop or Punch, Though the Hitters Still Make Their Ancient Appeal—Both Have the Pitching

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The Coming Box Score

The fountain pen moves down the paper, As thoughts arrive or funcies swap; The scriter's nimble phrases caper Anent the story of the fray; But though he's brilliant, keen or clever, How soon his finest yarn is tripe; For you alone move on forever
As long as records stand in type.

Through argument or raw invective Where wild fans rave to beat the band, The rest is wholly ineffective-Until they find out where you stand; In summing up one's shame or glory You nail all others on the fly; For you alone tell all the story Beyond the final alibi.

When we have passed the final terrors, You still shall amble on your way; The hits, the runs, the steals, the errors, And all the rest of it each day: Man's day is brief—but you, eternal, And now primed for another spin: My hair is gray but you are vernal Who ushered old Pop Anson in.

Cubs Won First National Pennant

DACING a new campaign, it may for may not be of any massive interest toknow that Chicago won the first National League pennant in 1876; also that Chicago won the first American League pennant in 1909.

It also may or may not be of interest to know that Ross Barnes, of Chi-

cago, was the first league leader at bat, with an average of .403 in 1876. If all this means nothing in your life, don't blame us for trying. In the forty-two years of National League play Chicago has bagged Mahoney never took such a lacing as eighteen pennants. Boston nine and New York eight. In the eighteen years of he received in thirty seconds of the fifth American League play Boston and Philadelphia have each won six pennants, Detroit three and Chicago three.

DASTE this in your hat for a future bet.

Overthrowing the Champs

NINETEEN eighteen was a weird and badly twisted season, one almost beyond the pale of the ever-clastic dope. Form was badly mixed and the entire situation out of focus.

But for all that the two winners-Boston and Chicago-start the new

down that guard. Even his uppercut campaign as plausible favorites in their two leagues. Their margin is ex-from pivot formation failed to shutter tremely slight. Boston's advance edge over Cleveland, for one club, is thinner than the segment of a toy balloon.

 $m{B}^{UT}$  overthrowing the two champs will require a number of hardworking afternoons.

Defensive Power

TN BASEBALL one as a rule takes deeper notice of the attack. The old wallop still has its ancient appeal. But for 1919 the two favored clubs are banking upon their great defensive strength. Neither carries any abaormal kick, wallop or punch. But the Red Sox have a strong pitching staff and a great defensive infield and outfield, while the Cubs, will display a powerful pitching staff and consistent defensive strength in other lines.

Kilbane's eye. Before the blood appeared the champion held Mahoney off with Baker, Pipp, Bodie, Lewis, Pratt and Packing and P T in the main it's the pitching after all—the pitching backed up Boy a fast, sure infield. This combination doesn't always win but

it's generally the place to look.

To a Vanished Comet They say your strokes were crude—your game unsound; Weak on your back-hand and erratic "off the ground"; They may be right—but this I know, when they have said their all. I'd trade a thousand views of other stars to see you Smash That Ball!

Yes, This Is the Record

SIR-It may interest you to hear of a record golf course. William F. Bane, of the Crescent A. C., who recently returned from a trip to the plantations Mahoney was on his right knee at the of the United States Rubber Company in the Far East, tells of a certain course of the Sepoy Lines Golf Club in Singapore. The course has four holes. plunged headforemost into the rosin. He plowed along the canvas, but before the to the inchristes' home and then winds up at the insane asylum. The bunkers ten count could be reached he was saved and hazards are Chinese graves.

IN REPLY to a number of queries we might state that, as far as we I have been able to discover, Francis Onimet is playing good golf again. That if he isn't now, he will be by the time he strikes the Open at Brachurn and the Amateur at Oakmont. Never fear.

VINCENT RICHARDS is a great young lawn tennis marvel. But to sug-V gest that he wift romp merrily through a field that will very likely contain Norris Williams. William Johnston and Lindley Murray is something quite apart. His day will arrive-but hardly this blessed summer just ahead.

Add Spring Poems

Tris and Babe and Ty and Ping Hail the verdant edge of spring: Here again the spring winds sigh "Tris and Ping and Babe and Ty.

THE U.S. of A. may engage in no international affair this season, but her A sporting activities will extend from California to Coblenz. That's covering a fair amount of ground and water-for a starter-despite the absence of any international, frenzy.

### DOOIN SIGNS DANIELS

Former Yankees' Star to Play With Reading

Reading, Pa., April 21 .- Charley ager of the Reading League club, arrived here today to start whipping the local club into shape for the opening of the season on April 30 with Binghamton.

Manager Dooin has landed Bert Daniels, formerly with the New York Yankees, for an outfield position.





NATIONAL LEAGUE PARK PHILLIES vs. ATHLETICS Seats at Gimbel's and Spaldings'

RACES TODAY AT HAVRE DE GRACE 7 RACES DAILY, including a Atoopiocnam Special Pennsylvania Railroad Train Leaves 13:34 P. M.; West Phila, 13:38 P. Direct to Course ADMISSION—GRANDSTAND a PADDOCK, \$1.65; LADIES, \$1.0—Including War Tax, FIRST RACE AT 220 P. M.

Olympia A. A. Broad and Bainbridge Harry Edwards, Mgr. Jon Koons vs. Al Moore Frankle Conway vs. Dave Autoy Frankie Clark vs. Yg. Weyman JOEY FOX VS. ARTIE ROOT

Boxing Course 3