

ATHLETICS AND PHILLIES SERIES FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP OF LEHIGH AVENUE ENDS IN A TIE

CROWDED BLEACHERS SHOW BASEBALL HAS REGAINED PRESTIGE

Thrill at Final Game of City Series Gives Local Magazines Chance to Look Forward to Big Season. Phils Split With Athletics

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL, Sports Editor Evening Public Ledger

THE most optimistic predictions regarding the comeback of baseball were confirmed at the Phillies' Park yesterday, when a crowd numbering almost 10,000 turned out to witness the final game of the city series between the Phils and the Athletics.

There is an old saying in baseball that the attendance of the bleacher sections regulates the popularity of the sport. If such is the case, President Baker need not worry about this year of 1919. Yesterday the bleacher seats were occupied by the largest crowd we have seen in the last two seasons.

Two months ago the fans seemed lukewarm, and while every one was boosting the game, the future was filled with uncertainties. When the teams went South there was an awakening of interest.

While in the South I witnessed several exhibition games and was astounded at the size of the crowds. The big league clubs attracted as much attention as the old-time circus.

BASEBALL is on the threshold of a great revival and it is now up to the managers to provide high class playing.

Home Training Not Yet Indicated

WITH the Phils and Athletics playing an even Stephen spring series we are at loss to find an opening to air our views.

Yesterday Mule Watson went on a rampage and surprised the talent by pitching a swell game for five innings.

The Shibe Parkers fouled terribly in the opening act and probably tossed away the game when Kopp and Bailey ran wild on the bases.

THE Phils scored their first run in an admirable way by Red Shuman.

Coombs Says Club Will Not Finish Eighth

AFTER the game Jack Coombs spoke a few words regarding the outlook of his baseball club in the pennant race and did not shed any tears.

"I don't feel sad or disheartened," said the new manager. "The ball club looks mighty good to me and we will play some interesting baseball this year."

"Then come the pitchers. Jacobs is much better than I first supposed and Oeschger, Watson, Packard and Woodward have shown me they can deliver the goods."

"We are in the market for a good infielder and a high class pitcher. But where are we to find them? President Baker will go the limit to purchase good players and do all in his power to get them."

"I DON'T like to do any predicting on the eve of the opening of the season, but, take it from me, the fans will see some heavy, aggressive playing done by the Phils this year and the club will NOT finish in eighth place. It's too good a club for that."

Giants Now Traveling at a Fast Clip

JAWN MCGRAW'S Giants seem to be traveling at a fast clip at present and will be in shape to give the Phils lots of trouble tomorrow.

Return of Stengel Strengthens Pirates

PITTSBURGH is strengthened by the signing of Casey Stengel, who was the champion holdout of the season.

MOVIE OF A MAN WITH A POOR MEMORY



FOX COMES BACK WITH WIN OVER ROOT; KILBANE SAYS ARTIE WAS TOO ANXIOUS

English Featherweight Takes Decision in Rough Battle at Olympia

CLARK BEATS WEYMAN

By JAMES S. CAROLAN

THE tables were turned on Artie Root. The perpetual dope upsetter came on from Cleveland to help prepare Joey Fox for a hasty return to England.

Fox's victory was a big improvement over his exhibition against Tipitz. He displayed more class, punched better and blocked blows with more ease.

Fox Improved

Johnny Kilbane was at the ringside. Just before the wind-up went on, Victory Loan Bookers made an appeal for subscriptions.

Clark Beats Weyman

Frankie Clark fought well against Young Weyman, handing a beating to the boy from Greenville.

By LOUIS H. JAFFE

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'TOMMY' BURKE GOING ABROAD AS K. OF C. ATHLETIC WORKER

Popular West Philadelphia Sportsman to Leave This City for Paris Some Time This Week

By TOMMY BURKE

WEST Philadelphia sportsman, was notified this morning of an appointment to go abroad as an athletic director for the Knights of Columbus.

Leonard-Ritchie Receipts May Go Over \$50,000 Mark

The Benny Leonard-Willie Ritchie battle scheduled for New York next Monday night is expected to break all records for receipts.

KILBANE'S CROWN IS NOT FOR FOX'S BROW

American Master Would Have Easy Job Defending Title Against Briton

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But Fox lacks much ability to win from an elusive and hard punching man like the master-Kilbane.

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Cleveland Boy's Failure to Set Himself Cost Him the Chance for Win

ALL KINDS OF MAULING

By JOHNNY KILBANE

IT WAS some mauling match. It was a hard fight. There's no question about that.

Artie Root was very unsteady, he was missing all the time. Fox fought a header fight. He outboxed Root and earned the decision in my opinion by a sludg.

Much Mauling

After every miss it was a clinch and every clinch saw some mauling. Root tried hard in the mauling sessions to do some damage, but Fox very skillfully kept out of the way of the swings.

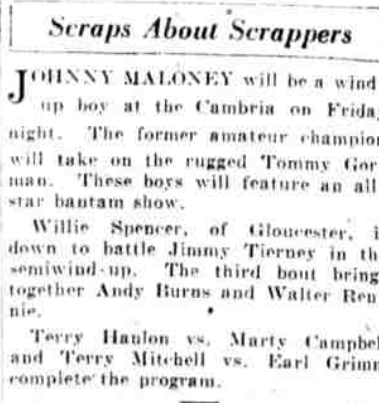
The lovers of high class boxing must have been displeased. But those who relish a rough-and-tumble affair—one of the street variety—must have gone home satisfied.

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FAST BALL TEAM AT GERMANTOWN

Cleveldeans Have Clean Slate in the Interscholastic League

By JOHNNY KILBANE

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Lackey formerly was a professional ball player. While working out with Connie Mack's Athletics he was hit by a pitched ball above the heart, seriously injuring him and forcing his retirement.

HASS, WESTERN CHAMP, IN SPRINT AT PENN RELAYS

Grinnell College Star Enters List as Post-Entry in Franklin Field Carnival Friday and Saturday

Hass, of Grinnell College, was yesterday entered in the 100 yards at the relay carnival, which takes place on Friday and Saturday of this week at Franklin Field.

Hass was a real dark horse, for he met the best sprinters of the West last Saturday at Des Moines and won out in 10 1-5 seconds.

But take my tip—he's no set-up. He's a shifty fellow, covers well and will be a hard boy for any one to knock out.

The eastern sprinting situation is very much in the dark. Harvard seems to have the best men in Moore and Flower.

There is a probability that more money will be wagered on this event than any other on the program, for Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Princeton, Dartmouth, Cornell, Michigan, Missouri all feel that their teams have a first class chance to land first place.

BOSTON SOX HAVE REAL FLAG RIVAL IN FOHL'S INDIANS

Cleveland Has Keen Balance and Will Cause Barrow's Club Many Moments of Worry—Yanks Dependable Defensively, but Lack Speed

IN THE SPOTLIGHT—BY GRANTLAND RICE

NO. 4—CLEVELAND INDIANS AND N. Y. YANKS

From Pat Tebeau to Sir Lee Fohl. They always look the pennant size; Through Lacey, Bradley, Joss and Tris; And yet somehow they always miss; But some time soon the tide may reverse; Who knows but this may be the year?

WHAT an array of talent Cleveland has produced in the American League—without ever producing a pennant!

Yet with all this Cleveland has yet to hear the gongolonic fluttering of a hard won flag. More than once she has been within a stride of the top, only to falter and slip at the last turn.

Another Chance

IN DISCUSSING flag chances with two famed members of the Boston Red Sox last night they both confessed that if the race had lasted two weeks longer last season Cleveland would have won.

Both picked Cleveland for Boston's hardest opponent this year. And when we slipped the query to Manager Ed Barrow he began:

This season Cleveland has the balance—no soft strength, a busy bullpen—considerable pitching talent on guard.

With an outfield built around Tris Speaker—a star flanked by two able aides—the Indian picket line has both the speed and the punch.

Exhibit B—The Yanks

THE case of the Yankees is fairly simple as such things go. They lack but one ingredient and that is speed. Defensively they are steady and dependable.

In Shore, Shawkey, Mogridge, Thormahlen, Quinn and others they have enough pitching to get anywhere.

But there is a decided lack of speed from top to bottom and back to bottom. This lack of speed means trouble in heating out infield taps, trouble in scoring runs on a single, and the likelihood of hitting long extra-inning double plays.

Resourceful Type

HUGHES is a cunning, resourceful leader. He believes in shifting his methods of attack to meet the situation.

And the hunting game depends more than a trifle upon quick starting and swiftness of foot.

But for weakness in this line department the Yankee outlook would be upon a par with Boston or Cleveland.

WITH their pitching and batting possibilities the Yanks will be an club's daily diet. But without greater speed they have a terrific battle ahead in thinking about third place.

RACES TODAY AT HAVRE DE GRACE

3 RACES DAILY, including a special Pennsylvania Railroad Train Leave 12:30 P. M. West Philadelphia Station, 12:38 P. M. Direct to Course. Admissions: Adults \$1.00, Children 50c. Box Office Open 10:00 A. M. First Race at 2:30 P. M.

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