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

CROWDED BLEACHERS SHOW BASEBALL HAS **REGAINED PRESTIGE**

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

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL Sports Editor Evening Public Ledger Conversion, 1819, by Public Ledger to

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. Managers Mack and Coombs had hoped for a big furnout, but hardly expected it. While yesterday was a semiholiday, it also was Monday and not the best day in the week to draw matinee audiences However, the baseball fans poured into the park, took off their overcents, settled back in their seats to enjoy a high-class contest and were not diappointed

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 Raker need not worry about this year of 1919. Yesterday the harometer seats were occupied by the largest crowd we have seen in the last two seasons. Before the game started all of the thirty-centers were taken and then the fifty-five-cent seats were goldled up. More than one-half of the crowd was out in the sun. This shows conclusively that Philadelphia fans are cager to witness his leasue hall sames, and with any sort of decent playing by the home clubs will give their hearty support.

Two months ago the fans seemed lake&arm, 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, innumerable questions were asked regarding the strength and chances of the various teams and arguments became quite common. When the exhibition games were played the public shook off the thoughts of the grim battles fought over there, eagerly scanned the newspapers for the latest happenings on the diamond and decided that the gray past had gone forever. Raseball was in the air, the fever had them the same as three or four years ago and the opening game engerly awaited for.

While in the South 1 witnessed several exhibition games and was astounded at the size of the crowds. The hig league clubs attracted as much attention as the old-time circus. Crowds waited at the station to see the train come in and the players were followed around the town like rare animals in a side show. They couldn't see enough of the game or the players.

~ · ·

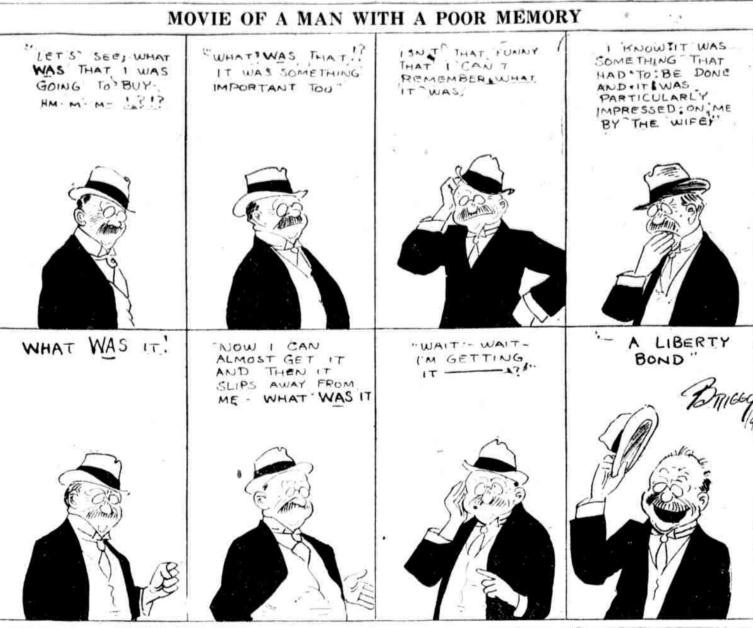
BASEBALL is an the threshold of a great verival and it is now up to the magnates to pouride high-class playing. The laws have shawn they are willing to do their part, but they must be ortisfied with the hig league clubs. If a considerable saw of money must be spent to strengthen a team it will be a most incestment.

Home Training Not Yet Vindicated

WITH the Phils and Athletics playing an even Stephen spring series we are at loss to find an opening to air our views. Had the Phils triumphed. we could have handed out some pointed comment about the home training of the A's, and if Connie had conned three out of four it would have been just as easy to tell the Phils the training trip to Charlottle was spuriou and decidedly counterfeit. But neither team was lost in the mud and the question. as to whether or not it is best to train a ball club at home or down South remains unanswered. The decision must be a draw

Yesterday Mule Watson went on a campage and surprised the talent by pitching a swell game for five innings. In that time he was nicked for six hits, but not a spike dented the plate. His Muleship remembered it was necessary to tighten up when the enemy got on base, and did that very thing. In the second, he grew ionesome standing out there all by himself and placed three of Connie's hirelings on the sacks for company, one on each corner of the diamond. Then he gleefully whipped over one on the outside, which Genry fouled to Baird, and the A's were retired with three parties stranded.

The Shibe Parkers foozied terribly in the opening act and probably to soil away the game when Kopp and Bailey ran wild on the bases. They evidently were told that Forrest Cady had checked his throwing arm at the gate or left it in the dressing room or something, for those two birds, after bumping a brace of singles, endeavored to swipe every base within their reach. First Kopp dashed to third and was out unanimously. Bailey tried it next and was nailed farther than that. Those two entirely unnecessary sprints retired the side and no one could tell what would have happened had they curbed



FOX COMES BACK WITH WIN OVER ROOT: FAST BALL TEAM KILBANE SAYS ARTIE WAS TOO ANXIOUS AT GERMANTOWN

The Benny Leonard - Willie

Ritchie battle scheduled for New

ark next Monday night is expected

than \$10,000.

English Featherweight Takes Leonard-Ritchie Receipts Decision in Rough Battle May Go Over \$50,000 Mark at Olympia

CLARK BEATS IFEYMAN

By JAMES S. CAROLAN

THE tables were turned on Artie Root. The perpetual dope upsetter came on from Cleveland to help prepalosy Fox for a hasty return to England. At the conslusion of six cough rounds at the Olympia last night the English featherweight was in frontthe winner over Root.

Few clean punches were landed. Many-half-blocked blows thudded their interrupted way to the target. It was one must after another. When not mauling there was some boxing. Fox American Master Would Have but he surprised me. Road was the strong was the superior at the few attempts at scientific ringeraft. He was a better ring general and entitled to the deci

Root fought so viciously that he was tired before the end of the fourth round. Fox's short jufts did much to year down the fighting little Cleve-

plenty of action until the end.

that he earned the decision,

latitor.

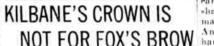
Fox Improved

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

ALL KINDS OF MAULING

to break all records for receipts. The advance sale has passed the \$25,000 mark, according to George Engel, Olympia matchinakes. The total receipts are expected to be he tween \$50,000 and \$60,000, WAS some mauling match. question about that. .

Leonard and Dundee now hold the record, the battle between these boys on January 18 drawing more



Easy Job Defending Title

Against Briton

By LOUIS II. JAFFE

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 Depend-^{*} able Defensively, but Lack Speed

IN THE SPORTLIGHT-BY GRANTLAND RICE (Copyright, 1919, all rights reserved NO. 4-CLEVELAND INDIANS AND N. Y. YANKS

> Exhibit A—Cleveland From Pat Tebeau to Sir Lee Fohl. They always look the provant role

Through Larry, Bradley, Joss and Tris-And yet somehow they always miss; But some time soon the tide may veer: Who knows but this may be the year?

From "Indian Falk Songs," WHAT an array of talent Cleveland has produced in the American League-without ever producing a pennant :

Lajoie, Bradley, Turner, Flick, Bay, Speaker, Joss, Bernhard, Nig Clarke, Stovall, Hickman. Chapman and a dozen others known to the fame of the pennant line.

Yet with all this Cleveland has yet to hear the gonfalonic 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.

NO SMALL part of this flag fuilure has been due to borny-handed Fate. Cleveland on an average has drawn harder luck than any one bull club we ever saw, from the big league to the sural pastures.

Another Chance

N DISCUSSING flag chances with two famed members of the Boston Red Sox recently they both confessed that if the race had lasted two weeks longer last season Cleveland would have won. Both picked Cleveland for Boston's bardest opponent this year. And

when we slipped the query to Manager Ed Barrow he began:

"Well, there's Cleveland to beat and it's no soft job." This season Cleveland has the balance - defensive strength, a lusty

wallop-considerable pitching talent on guard. In Johnston (to start with), Wamby, Chapman and Larry Gardner she

has an infield on a par with Boston's select quartet-not quite so strong defensively, but more powerful upon attack. 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. Speaker alone is a first-class outfield.

The pitching staff, built in the main around Coveleskie, is one of those steady, effective combinations without carrying any exceptional brilliancy, If the staff puns out a triffy better than it looks to be just at this moment Cleveland is very likely to win despite Boston's wonderful defensive powers, It is all a matter of keen balance. You cannot pick out a spot upon the

Cleveland roster and mark it weak. And if her overseas contingent gets back in time to help the outlook will be even better.

Briefly, just at this writing. Cleveland looks to be Boston's main opponent, Barrow and almost his entire club believe that Fohl's east is the one to heat above all others and they should at least have an inkling upon the situationif an inkling means what we think it does.

A b if Cleecland should go out and wine well, "heetic" won't begin to tell the story.

Exhibit B—The Yanks

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

In Shore, Shawkey, Mogridge, Thormahlen, Quinn and others they have

In Pipp, Prast, Peck, Baker, Lewls and Bodie they have the punch in copions quantities. . . .

T there is a decided lack of speed from top to bottom and back amain. This lack of speed means trouble in beating out infield taps trouble in rearing from second on a single and the likelihood of killing too often into double plays. This latter fault can wipe out more butting vallies than anything else.

Resourceful Type

[UGGINS is a canny, resourceful leader. He believes in shifting his methods of attack to meet the situation. But it is no easy matter to shift an attack unless you have speed to assist

There is little chance to cut into a base-running game if you are minus

base runners And the bunting game depends more than a triffe upon quick starting and

But for weakness in this lone department the Yankee outlook' would be is, a stout pitching staff linked to a Even as it

By JOHNNY KILBANE World's Featherweight Champion It was a hard light. There's

Artie Root was very unsteady, he

Tomorrow the Clivedens travel to a headier fight. He outboxed Root and George School for the annual game. On carned the decision in my opinion by a Fox impressed me as a hard Friday Germantown meets Frankford. man to hit with a good, solid punch. This always has been regarded as the Any fellow who is always keeping his hig game at both schools, and as they NOT FOR FOX'S BROW Any fellow who is always keeping his or first and second in the league stand your face cannot be touched yery ing, a great battle is expected.

of the suburban school team is due to swiftness of hoof.

ern, Frankford and Northeast, Great credit for the great showing

They'll have to send some one else. It looks easy from the outside to the coaching of Professor Lackey, of the

over from England to topple Johnny wade in and send over a right to the science department. This is his first, upon a par with Boston Cleveland, chin. I Say, IT LOOKS EASY, Just year as baseball coach at Germanoval.

the Interscholastic League Germantown High's undefeated base-

Clivedens Have Clean Slate in

ball team faces a hard proposition this week. Three games, two of which are Interscholastic League contests, are scheduled. The first will be played to- enough pitching to get anywhere day with the South Philadelphia nine

was missing all the time. Fox fought at Germantown.

easily. I had heard much about Fox. The Germantown team has been the season's surprise in the Scholastie

Root was the stronger. He seemed a little too anxious. If he had steadied himself and set before delivering a punch. I haven't any doubt that he would have stopped Fox.

their desires emulate Ty Cobb. Incidentally, Univ's arm was all good.

THE Phils seared their first run on an errorable wall by Red Shannon. There was a strong wind blowing and when Banerall. hit a high fly the ball was envied out at Red's array and Bauna ant two bags on the clout. A maple and Whitted's sacrifice fly seat the tainted taily accase. The other score, however, was Simon pare. Luderus lifted one over the wall for a some just like Babe Roth.

Coombs Says Club Will Not Finish Eighth

FTER 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. He was very optimistic and declared there would be some big surprises sprung before the season was over.

"I don't feel sad or disheartened." said the new manager. "The ball elub looks mighty good to me and we will play some interesting baseball this year. Just figure out our playing strength and see what you get. In the first place, we have an exceptionally good outfield with Whitted, Williams, Meusel. Callahan and Cravath on the job. These men can hit, field and are fast. In the infield we also have some good hitters in Baird. Bancroft and Luderus, while Pearce shows signs of improving. As for fielding, that quarter compares favorably with any in the league. Adams is a good catcher and Cade and Yeabsley are doing well.

"Then come the pitchers. Jacobs is much better than I first supposed and Geschger, Watson, Packard and Woodward have shown me they can deliver the goods. Mike Prendergast still is under weight, but will be ready to take his turn in a couple of weeks.

"Fill admit we haven't a great pitcher who stands out, but please rememher great pitchers must be developed and must start from the bottom. It is possible that we will have one or two of the hest pitchers before the season is over. The material looks very promising.

"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. It must be remem bered that the war relarded the development of minor-league stars and the clubs are keeping their veterans. Talent is very scarce this year, but if we have a chance to get a couple of stars we will get them regardless of the price. . .

GI DON'T like to do any predicting on the eve of the opening of the reason, but, take it from me, the fans will see some brainy. 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

TAWN 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. Sluggers the George Burns, Kauff, Young, Chase, Doyle, Fletcher and Zimmerman ill cause annoyance on any ball field, and they are pickling the pill these days, getting off to a bad start and losing the series to the Red Sox, the liants came back and walloped Washington, five games to one. They slammed Walter Johnson and the other hurlers all over the lot and their terrific thump was wonderful to behold. Jawn has a sneaking idea he will cop the flag this year if his pitchers stand up, and the fans will have a chance to look hem over. Jess Barnes probably will be selected to twirl the opener.

Return of Stengel Strengthens Pirates

TTSRURGH is strengthened by the signing of Casey Stengel, who was champion holdout of the season. Casey vowed he never would play Pirates again, but Hugo Bezdek handed him the absent treatment, to answer his letters, did not take the trouble to return his contract, i finally Stengel surrendered unconditionally. Now Bezdek has Southworth, and Stengel in the outfield, a good infield, some swell pitchers, a couple ty catchers and sweet dreams of playing in the world series. .

and the A's held dress rehearsals for their 1919 debuts in their rks today. Concie's men leave for Washington tomorrow morning. Kilhan get in there and try it sometime. Fox | and his feat of bringing Germantowa the ball is no light combination to face.

Fox's work was a big improvem exhibition against Tiplitz. He accomplished by a Briton Joey Fox punches with his gloves and makes the this season speaks well of his ability. state of mind they will be extremely dangerous even without any andue sp displayed more class, punched better never will do it. For showed sufficient other fellow miss all the time, and blocked blows with more ease. Just before the wind-up went on Vic-

tory Loan Workers made an appeal for shifty boxer. subscriptions. The crowd called for But Joey lacks much ability to win body that forced Fox to a clinch. That tirement. He has taught the German-Kilbane to start it, and Johnny re- from so clever and hard-punching a was a real blow and made it quite easy town youths many of the fine points "died by signing for a \$500 bond.

Then to complete his good work he boot was the second one in which I have to the face. Root then started out climbed into the ring and made a brief seen Fox compete. The Englishman is after a knockout. He was overanxions, appeal in behalf of the loan. He didn't not so good a boxer as he was about The more he tried to land the more he

six years ago, when I saw him out-point and outlight Frankie Bradley at Clark Beats Weyman

the same club. Bradley then was at Much Mauling

Frankie Ulark fought well against the same club. Bradley then was at young Weyman, banding a lacing to the zenith of his career. The Philadel his start until the fifth round. Tark de laved his start until the fifth round. The box rest is the same club, bradley by many local control of the was picked by many local control of

After the heating suffered from the kept out of the way of the swings,

Not So Easy

Frankie Conway came back strong wallops of Fox, Bradley decided to re-his battle with Dave Astev, and tire. He never has boxed since. The bave been displeased. But those who fought so well in the last three rounds. Joe Koons heat Terry Richards, of New York, in the second hout. The United with Joey Fox as the party of This was the first ti And Johnny Kilbane need not worry

opener found Timmy Myson a winner clinched with Joe over Al Moore in their weekly act. Marci ' Merci !

Johnny Tillman is afment series to be a whotup her at the Olymmic on the regul of Max 5. It meets Jack Britton in Baltimeer Patss Waltare may art his start against be big timers adort. It is reported that he a boulded to charge champion Peter Herman of the National on the evening of May 3. at the Nath

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

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

- ----GTOMMY" BURKE, the well-known 1 West Philadelphia sportsman, was notified this morning of an appointment to go abroad as an athletic director for the Knights of Columbus. He will leave this city some time this week and report at the Paris office.

Burke has been a K. of C. athletic director for nineteen months and is well qualified to go abroad to promote sports for the army of occupation. He has had charge of athletics at Camp Lee, Camp Colt and the Walter Reed Hospital.

Previous to joining the K. of C forces Burke was a member of the board managers and registration com mittee of the Middle Atlantic states dis trict of the Amateur Athletic Union.

He also is a member of the Victrix Catholic Club and was president of the defunct West Philadelphia Basketball basketball team, is a Y. M. C. A. athletie director in France and his team Longue. Many Philadelphians still are "over only recently won the S. O. S. basket-

THOMAS J. BURKE

there" and with only a few hours each ball championship. Dave Kerr, Jack day taken up by drilling, sports come in Kelly and Marty Friedman played on for a great deal of attention. George Zahn's team.

ent that particular task and feat is to be is a good, heady boy. He stops many from eighth position last year, to first Lackey formerly was a professional

yet he demonstrated that he was a himself before driving home his blows, a pitched ball above the heart, seri- out becoming overcrowded. One that counted was a right to the ously injuring him and forcing his re-

If the Yanks as a club will ever swing into an alert, confident, aggressive

doiney form to win from Artic Root at the act before the wind up went on Vie the domestrated that he was a the ball player. While working out with the was a professional ball player. While working out with the was a professional ball player. While working out with the was a professional the ball player. While working out with the was a professional the ball player. While working out with the was a professional the ball player. While working out with the was a professional the was a professional the ball player. While working out with the was a professional the was a professional the was a professional the player are two new entries who should help them in this the was a professional the player are two new entries who should help them in this the player are two new entries who should help them in this the player are two new entries who should help them in this the player are two new entries who should help them in this the player are two new entries who should help them in this the player are two new entries who should help them in this the player are two new entries who should help them in this the player are two new entries who should help them in this the player are two new entries who should help them in this the player are two new entries who should help them in this the player are two new entries who should help them in the player are two new entries who should help them in the player are two new entries who should help them in the player are two new entries who should help them in the player are two new entries who should help them in the player are two new entries who should help them in the player are two new entries who should help them in the player are two new entries who should help them in the player are two new entries who should help them in the player are two new entries who should help them in the player are two new entries who should help them in the player are two new entries who should help them in the player are two new entries who should help them in the pla •

WITH their pitching and batting possibilities the Yanks will be no club's daily dict. But without greater speed they have a terrific battle alread in climbing above third place.

HASS, WESTERN CHAMP, IN **RACES TODAY** AT HAVRE DE GRACE SPRINT AT PENN RELAYS RACES DAILY, including a Steeplechasi pecial Pennastvania Ralirond Train Leaves 12:31 P. M.: West Phila., 12:38 P. M. Direct in Course PADDOCK, 21:45: I.A. DEANDSTAND & PADDOCK, 21:45: I.A.DIES, SI, 10-Including War Tax, FIRST RACE AT 2:30 P. M.

Field Carnival Friday and Saturday

Hass, of Grinnell College, was yes- than any other on the program, for Fox of today is inferior to the Fox who relish a rough and tumble affair-one terday entered in the 100 yards at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, of the street variety-must have gone relay carnival, which takes place on Princeton, Dartmouth, Cornell, Michihome satisfied. It was a tough fight for Friday and Saturday of this week at gan. Missouri all feel that their teams Franklin Field. Coach Huff wired his have a first class chance to land first This was the first time I ever saw entry. place. None of the teams are quite up

Hass was a real dark horse, for he to the form of the Pennsylvauia or Harthis Fox. He's a better boy than many believe. He was fresh last night. In met the best sprinters of the West last vard teams of four years ago, but they his last bout I hear that he was quite Saturday at Des' Moines and won out are all good and a very close race stale. He looked good against Root, in 10 1-5 seconds. Coach Huff has should result,

He'll make trouble for any one. always been successful with sprinters. But take my tip-he's no set-up. as he developed Hoyt, the holder of the He's a shifty fellow, covers well and world's record for 220 yards around a ill be a hard boy for any one to knock turn. In Saturday's race Butler, of

Dubuque, was second and Hayes, of Notre Dame, was third. All three of

these men are entered here, where they will meet the pick of the eastern sprinters.

TOHNNY MALONEY will be a wind- The eastern sprinting situation is very up boy at the Cambria on Friday much in the dark. Harvard seems to night. The former amateur champion Both of these men have done ten ser have the best men in Moore and Flower. will take on the rugged Tommy Gor- onds. Moore being placed two years ago These boys will feature an all- at the intercollegiate championships. star bantam show.

Scraps About Scrappers

Lourie, of Princeton; Davies, Pitts-Willie Spencer, of Gloucester, is burgh's famous halfback, and Burwell, down to battle Jimmy Tierney in the of Syracuse, are also said to be going semiwind up. The third bout brings fast. The result of Saturday's race will together Andy Burns and Walter Ren- shed light on the situation and let the

public know what to expect in the Terry Haulon vs. Marty Campbell succeeding dual games and intercoland Terry Mitchell vs. Earl Grimm legiate championships. complete the program.

"Johnson, of Michigan, is entered in

this event, but it is not known whether Johnny Murray and K. O. Jos O'Donnell need to the main bout on the opening and of the Empires A. C. Fifteenth and Bain-widge structs Thuraday might. Productor burdles and may compete in that event, burdles and may compete in the favorite for the sprint if he entered due to his world's record last winter in the fifty yards dash.

A strong bantam card will feature the new of the Atlautic City Sporting Club hursday night. Jimmy Paposa mergy Max (illiamson in the eight-round windur. The ther eight-round frava will be between the eight-round frava will be between the eight-round frava will be between the statisfactory. The one-mile men looked especially good, and Penn-sylvenia fans can look forward to pays. Gustafsen, Smith and Haymond Davis, Gustafsen, Smith and Haymond

Lew Tendler nors againat New York West and Jimmy Duffy in the main bout at the Dympia next Monday night. Joe Tiplits is fown to battle Frankie Conifrey, another New York boy, in the semiwind-up. giving them a great run for first place. Penn will be near the pole, which is of going to be an advantage in such a hard-fought race as the mile promises

George Chaney will be in action at the to be, ational in Saturdes night. Artie O Leers ibane, has been tamed to coppar the money ungring Baithmore bey. There is a probability that mor money will be wagered on this event Boxing Course ³_{Mon} Major Hiddle's Tournament Apr. 23.25-Enroll Now fold Watches, Fobs, Loving Cuns on View Späidings' Window, 1210 Ches PHILA. JACK O'BRIEN'S

S. E. Cor. 15th & Chestnut. 4th Floor

\$15

Cambria A. C. Burns & Feeney, Mgrs, FRIDAY, EVENNG, APRIL, 23TH ONE, GRANK SHOW 5 CRACKERAACK BOLTS

