EVEN JOHN M'GRAW WILL ADMIT THAT JACK COOMBS'S PHILLIES MADE THINGS INTERESTING

COLBY JAWN PROVES HE HAS INTERESTING **BALL CLUB IN PHILS**

Coombs's Toilers, Counted Out of Pennant Race, Have Developed Fighting Spirit, With Nothing to Do Except Worry Rival Clans

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

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JACK COOMBS was not orating through the brown derby when he remarked a short time ago that the Phils would have an interesting ball club this year. The recent series with the Glants gives Colby Jawn the decision, for his noble athletes performed in a most interesting manner and snared two of the three conflicts. Ordinarily the winning of a series means nothing in the young lives of our Phils, but when New York bites the dust at the kickell it

For a long time McGraw had the Indian sign smeared all over the home folks. Alexander seldom could win a game, and when Big Pete fell down on the job the other pitchers on the club realized they had little chance to do any thing, and acted as such. Every time the Giants needed a victory they would play the Phils, because the only thing in doubt was the size of the score. It will be remembered that last year the boys nided New York considerably in winning eighteen of the first nineteen games, losing to the Gothamites with amazing consistency and regularity. But that was last year.

Now there is a different spirit on the ball club. The Phils have started out with nothing to worry about. All of the experts have selected them to finish in last place, so they have everything to gain and nothing to lose. They cannot do worse, so the players decided to enjoy themselves, forget all about winning the pennant, undergo no mental strain and make things interesting for their opponents. Their minds are as free as the air, which is ideal for ball players. Sometimes they do better when they don't have to think.

Jack Coombs has proved himself a shrewd, brainy manager, and is responsible for the mental condition of the players. He knew he was undertaking a big job when he signed to manage the club and decided to use an entirely new system. He copied after no one, put on his own original stuff and had the nerve to assume the entire responsibility. He got the boys in good spirits the very first day of practice in chilly Charlotte, made them enjoy their work and brought them back in wonderful physical shape. He is more of a companion than a boss and the players will go the limit for him.

STRANGE as it may seem, the Phils have developed a making. aggressive spirit this year. It looks as if they are not to prove they have no eighth place ball club, and thus far have been successful. At any rate, they are playing interesting baseball, and that's what the

Coombs's Shifting of Players Wise Move

AGAINST the Giants the local sluggers have soaked a huge flock of bingles, and that, too, has made a hit with the public. Hard-hitting baseball clubs always have been popular and the Phils have started out in the right direction. Coombs's reversible outfield, with Whitted, Meusel and Cravath against left-handers, and Whitted or Meusel, Williams and Leo Callahan for the starboarders, have ruined the New York pitching staff and probably will make it unpleasant for others. Cy Williams, for example, is a bear against right-handers, but a terrible ham against southpaws. The same goes for Callahan, so Jack's shifting of players is a very wise move.

Another good stunt was dropping Meusel to seventh place in the batting order against right-handers. Irish is a good hitter and has many chances to deliver in a pinch. Timely slugging is needed down there,

The Phils will face a different proposition today against Brooklyn. At present the Dodgers have the best pitching staff in the league, having proved it by taking three straight from Boston. Those alien twirlers will give us a line on how good the local batters are, and the coming series should be hardfought and very close.

Last week marked the opening of the big league season. The Phils, Brooklyn and Cincingati furnished the surprises in the National and the A's and St. Louis in the American. The Browns were worse than was expected and the Athletics managed to split with Washington with Roth in poor shape and Walker laid up with a sprained ankle.

Cincinnati, however, furnished the hig noise with a straight run of vic tories over the Cards. Two weeks ago the Reds looked like starters in the Epworth League, but took a brace when Kopf and Rousch decided to sign and Rube Bressler got out of the army. Pat Moran already has made a hit in his new job and the fans are said to be thinking of presenting him with a diawashtub or something like that,

HANK GOWDY showed remarkable self-control when he passed up a fat contract on the vaudeville stage to play with the Braves Hank evidently knows he will see better acting on the beach this year if Stallings continues to lose ball games.

Revenge Act On Between Ritchie and Leonard

BENNY LEONARD and Willie Ritchie are ready for their eight-round argument in Newark, N. J., tonight. Leonard is anxious to prove to the eastern fans that the battle on the coast was a big mistake, while Ritchie is confident he will demonstrate his superiority over the lightweight champion. Ritchie won a four-round tilt with Benny, blacked his eye and mussed his hair, causing a big sensation in fistic circles. Tonight will be the return match, with the revenge motif predominating.

There probably will be no knockout tonight, but the men will show some scientific stuff which will please the fans. Ritchie has more confidence than in the first battle and may play a waiting game instead of tearing in to finish his foe at the start. This is not the best way to fight Leonard in an eightround tilt, for the champ has a way of crossing his right and ending things when least expected. Benny, however, may carry the fight to Ritchie, and if this happens there will be plenty of excitement.

This is the first big bout to be held this year and is the forerunner of a number of important ones to be held this summer. Boxing will have a big season, with Willard and Dempsey topping the card. Here in Philadelphia Leon Rains has planned some important matches for the Phillies' ball park and is working on a bout to be held late in May. Shows will be held every

TONIGHT Lew Tendler, who probably will meet Leonard this summer, will box Jimmy Duffy at the Olympia. Lew is in good shape

In Montreal Johnny Tillman is booked to meet Jack Brossican. the Canadian welterweight.

Relays Impressive, Despite Cold Weather

COLD weather prevented the breaking of records at the Penn relays, but there was some high-class competition just the same. Penn's victory in the one-mile event was impressive, as was Chicago's work in the two-mile & championship. The latter race was the prettiest seen in years. Harvard was close at all stages and it was not until Speer started to sprint in the last quarter that the Crimson fell behind. Poor marks were made in the special events, but it is not surprising. The athletes had to face strong, cold winds.

Cornell showed strength in the hurdles, with Smith and Watt. Smith looks like a very good man and will make things interesting for Erdman, of Princeton, in the intercollegiates. Watt also will bear watching.

The second day's events were run off smoothly, there being no delay. The oficials deserve lots of praise for the work, for it is doubtful if they could be

William Kirkpatrick, however, stood out above the others. He did the announcing on Saturday, and never before have the results been transmitted to the press box so promptly. Kirk more than made up for the bum work of the others on Friday.

SPACKMAN, of Mercersburg, looked like the best of the prep school athletes on Saturday. He ran the final relay for Mercersburg and showed ex-

HE Rhine is a very fine young stream. But it will have very few attractions those doughboys still scattered along its banks as they begin to get the major league scores, with a chance once in a while to see the Standing



AMERICAN OARSMEN

Inches Separate Crews in Final on River Seine for French Trophy

Zealand in the final heat of the regatta | showing he

second and Alsner-Lorraine third.

to the Alma bridges. Americans in a heart-breaking sprint press me as being a well-balanced team, in the last fifty yards of the final. It was a grueling race throughout, the sure of going through in the events that saw it will remember he finished very this season.

Baltimere. April 28.—Brooklyn registered as 6 to 5 victory over Baltimore here yes formances and made it a very uncompletely four extra innings before the National Leaguers were decarted the victors. Majone's single decided the game.

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Three Hits for Murray Ardmore, Pa., April 28.—1 C B, tr won could get no better from St. Denis T A, B, here yesterday, 3 was a big surprise, s to 2. Jack Murray was the all-around star, with three hits and eight fielding chances.

Times have changed, as forcibly was brought home to Southpaw Earl Hamilton, of the Pirates, yesterday, Hamilton went from the Browns to the Pirates a year ago, and then won six games of the 1918 championship without defeat. His first National League reverse was met yesterday at the hands of the Reds.

Just about the best pitching exhibited thu far this brush is that served by the Re Sox staff. By applying the stiff bristles of the kalsomine brush to Washington yesterday Boston curvers made it eighteen consecutive innings in which the opposition faile to get a run.

BINGLES AND BUNGLES

NEW ZEALAND BEATS PENN MAKES GREAT SHOWING IN RELAYS

Meredith Says Quakers Have Chance for Title in Inter- for the Hosmer W. Hanna memorial collegiates, as Their Victories in Relays Plus Other Point-Producers Speak Volumes

Paris, April 28.—The American crew was defeated by the crew from New Teason to feel pleased with the varids behind the first man, could not be for a match with the schoolboys. Zealand in the final heat of the regatta on the River Seine yesterday for the urday. Winning with his men on Satterphy offered by the Rowing Club of France. The winners of the first two heats connected in the final heat Six beauts connected in the final heat of the regatta with the schoolboys.

Paul W. Gibbons, president of the heat with the schoolboys.

Paul W. Gibbons, president of the local organization and one of the best school boys.

is a contender for the intercollegiate but he gave the Red and Blue a good put up a great exhibition against titis from the showing of the different position to run from. The New Zealanders nosed out the teams at the relays. Penn did not immericans in a heart-breaking sprint press me as being a well-balanced team.

Princeton a Factor

good this year in the distance runs, needed. Although heaten by Cornell in the four- The freshmen also ran away from their

failed to show their best. Larsen, the Brigham Young jumper. could get no better than third, which was a big surprise, since he was looked

It but they have several men that will be Davis ran a great race. Those that several of the local junior tournaments two shells atternating in the lead. they showed so well in on Saturday. strong, twice increasing his speed in The New Zealanders finished much stronger than the American sweepoars.

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The crews from France and New-mile event, they have a good bunch and competitors, and Brown, who finished the final round of the lawn tennished, were distanced in the final. There were several disappointing features of the two days' racing. First. and 3:25, respectively, were exception. In a spirited straight set battle the

Jimmy Curran and his Mercersburg Mersereau, announced that the final of team sprung a surprise on Hill and Exe- the tournament, the earliest ever atter. Curran came down with apologies tempted on local outdoor courts, would and consoling stories for the old men be decided next Sunday, Richards and that used to run on his teams, told them Behr meeting Ichiva Kumagae and that the war was to blame for the poor Harold L. Taylor. showing he was to make the next day and I really believe that he felt that way. It was a different Curran, however, that went back to the Cumberland Scenes shift from baseballs' drama in the enables the Athletics to be on an even footing with Cleveland for third place. valley on Saturday with another interscholastic title.

four-game

c.
Only one American League club, the Red
Sox, has weathered the early contests without defeat. In the National circuit Cincinnati and Brooklyn have yet to feel the sting
of a setback. Tonight will be a test for Jack Sellers, who has been winning all the indoor races this winter. He will meet Joie Ray in the Thirteenth Regiment Armory, Brooklyn, for a trial at the 1000-yard record. This will be a great

1000-yard record. This will be a great race and I think that the record will go.

Ray is in the best shape that he ever has been and Sellers is a good man, who has all the confidence in the world, which will make him push Ray to his best to win.

Doe Cutch hasn't given up all hope of directing the affairs of a champion. The miner flatic authority, who lost a champion be seen in the semiwind-up. Tiplitz's last showing here was against Jeey Fox. Conifrey is capable of making it interceting for Tiplitz.

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PLAN ACTIVE YEAR FOR LOCAL JUNIORS

Nine Clubs Asked to Stage Tennis Tourneys for Younger Players

INTERCITY MATCH JUNE 7

Nine Local Clubs Asked to Hold Junior Tourneys

The following clubs have been asked to aid in promoting junior tennis by holding tournaments on the

May 27-Merion C. C. June 2—Germantown C. C. June 9—Belfield. June 16—Stenton A. C.

June 20—Overbrook G. C. June 23—Philadelphia C. C. July 7-Greenpoint. July 14-P. R. R. Y. M. C. A. July 21-Cynwyd, Pennsylvania State boys' and junior champion-

By ROBERT T. PAUL

WILLIAM T. TILDEN, national boy and junior representative of the Philadelphia and District Lawn Tennis Association, is planning an active season for the younger tennis players of

Nine of the local clubs have been requested by Tilden to hold tournaments the boy and junior players. This is a part of the program to aid in developing the future Dick Williams's.

phia Cricket, Overbrook Golf, Green-int. P. & R. Y. M. C. A. and

Can Only Win One

Every young player of this district cligible to compete. Upon winning a tourney, however, a player becomes ineligible. The winners of the nine tourneys will then meet in the tennis center championship, which will be held July 21 at Cynwyd. The winner of this event will represent the Philadel-phia and District Association in the na-

tional championships at Forrest Hills. It also has been announced that the Pennsylvania state junior and boys' championship tourney will be held at Cynwyd, starting July 21. In addition to the above events, there will be the intercity junior match with New York June 7 at the Philadelphia Cricket Club

Howard Is Fine Player

A junior player who will bear watching by the local players in the future is Johnny Howard, the fifteen-year-old

heats competed in the final heat. Six the pole want is no mean day's work. him.

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Simple Liars

Tilden and A. L. Hoskins. Several when his opponent hooks out of

VINCENT RICHARDS WINS

sity Courts Tourney

New York, April 28 .- Vincent Rich ander Her, the former Pelham Bay

ED DELEHANTY MOST SCIENTIFIC SLUGGER GAME EVER BOASTED

Babe Ruth Is a Mighty Walloper, but Is Unable to Place His Hits With the Accuracy and Science of the Former Star, Contends McGraw

IN THE SPORTLIGHT-BY GRANTLAND RICE

Who Knows?

"We who lie here have nothing left to pray.
To all your praises we are deaf and blind;
We may not even know if you betray
Our hope, to make earth better for mankind.

"Only our silence in the night shall grow

More silent as the stars grow in the sky: and, while you deck our graves, you shall not know How many scornful legions pass you by.

What can be done we know. But have no fear! If you fail now we shall not see or hear. -Alfred Noyes, in the Saturday Evening Post.

And yet, at night amid the weary hosts Who held stark woods with their unburied slain, On low, lost winds I've heard too many ghosts Above the dreary rhythm of the rain.

Too many ghosts who whise ered on their way
To some far distant remezvous of light
Where, rank by rank, they formed in set array To watch anew the progress of the fight.

And I still think they sec-and hear-and so If we should fail their dreams, where flags are furled, I think each one would smile in joy to know How far he's left a yellow-hearted world.

The Scientific Slugger

TOHN J. McGRAW says that he is no believer in the theory that all the old Comet-ball" McLoughlins and Fred J stars were the best, but he still contends that Big Ed Delebanty was the

Alexanders.

The nine organizations which have been asked to hold tourneys are Merion Cricket Club. Germantown Cricket have ever seen—but even when taking a terrific smash at a ball he could drive it into right or left, as the case demanded. I have never seen a hard hitter

who could place his drives as Del could.

"Babe Ruth is a mighty walloper, but Ruth has no idea whether he is going to drive a ball to right, center or left. He merely takes the old wallop and lets nature do the rest. Most of the present-day sluggers belong to that

"IN FACT. I don't know of one who can combine both systems—
who can tear into a ball and place it at the same time."

Quality and Quantity

QUALITY and quantity in pitching generally go together. The two best workmen in baseball are Johnson and Alexander, and it is worthy of passing note that these two have also pitched upon the average a greater number games than any other contenders.

Year after year Johnson and Alexander range between forty-five and fifty games a season, where most pitchers find thirty-five games entirely sufficient, Mathewson and Walsh were two others from recent campaigns who had no trouble pitching fifty games a year, Walsh one season running up sixty-five There would be a great deal better pitching on the average if pitchers were

worked once every four days. One of the main reasons why Stallings drew such effective pitching in 1914 was that he worked Rudolph, James and Tyler in turn-because he had no one to fill in.

THE result was that Rudolph, James and Tyler did better work than they ever did before—or ever will do again.

The Umpire Laments

Yes, peace has come on land and sea, The war is won-the battle done-

But not for me; Red gore no longer stains far lands; In some quiet nook the cannon stands, And fighting men hold out their hands-But not for me.

H. H.-Apologies to Major von Kolnitz-late of the Reds and the White

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times Howard outplayed Tilden in the long rallies. Howard will compete in no one can ever make Hank O'Day or Bob Emslie believe it.

He hadn't slept the night before-

His arm was sore-his back was lame-

And that was why he couldn't putt.

He had a blister, burn or cut-

But I don't care; why should I fret? I've never beat a well man yet.

66 TTALY Balks." What of it? The umpires have virtually quit, calling balk motions in this day and time.

> The Call Over the world goes the clarion call, "Keep your eye on the ball" I'll follow this tip as the wallop is due-

If the caddie will, too.

SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS

trounced Harlem Eddie Kelly last in a Quaker City ring. His opponent will be another New York entry, Jimmy Duffy, of the West Side, making the

In the other bouts Johnny Clark

meets Joe Kilpatrick, Frankie McKenna battles Johnny Hanna and Jimmy Snyder faces Kid Wagner. Johnny Tillman will see action in Montreal tonight when he engages Jack Brosseau in a ten-rodnd battle. His manager, Herman Taylor, accompanied him to Montreal. One week from tonight Tillman opposes Steve Latso at the Olympia. Tillman his two additional bouts scheduled, meeting Jack Britton in Baitmore on May 12 and Jock Molone in Minneapolls on May 30.

Jack Russe and Artie O'Leary, a brace of speedy lightweights, boxed six rounds to a draw at the National last Saturday night. In the fourth round O'Leary dropped for the count, but the Italian battler railied and his work in the final two rounds earned for him an even break.

Louisiana and Young Robideau engaged in a rough session in the National semiwind-up, with Louisiana in front by a shade. In the other bouts Salier Ed Trembley heat Happy Howard, Eddle Sommers trounced Leo Vin-cent and Ray Ennis stopped Joe Lavin in the second round.

plans to witness the night.

Two good boys will appear in Ohio boxing centers tonight. Cal Delaney, the Clevelander who made good here sgainst Joe Philips, opposes Young Myers before Matt Hinkel's club, while Johnny Griffiths takes on K. O. Loughlin in Akron.

THAT scientific southpaw, Lew Tendler, will exhibit at the Olympia tonight. For the first time since he copies and Al Thompson, the instructor the League Island marines, meet in the ser wind-up. Young Robideau faces Eddle Magan in the third eight-round fray. In the copies of the co

Lightweights will be seen in the main session at Jahunny Burn's Cambria A. C. on Friday night, with Eddle Mullin, the Kensington sensation, exhanging swings wit hTim Droney, the rugged Lancaster entry, Willie Boyle and Tim McMakon entertain in the semiwind-up. Three other bouts will complete the program.

A large delegation of Philadelphians will be present at the Benny Leonard-Willie Ritchie battle in Newark tonight. Many tickets for the hig battle were seen floating around here last week.

Leon L. Rains, the boxing headliner who will stage big bouts at the Phillies' Park this

Olympia A. A. Broad and Bainbridge Harry Edwards, Mgr. Tonight, April 28 JOHNNY SNYDER VS. KID WAGNER
FRANKIE MCKENNA VS. JOHNNY HANNA
JOHNNY CLARK VS. JOE KILFATRICK
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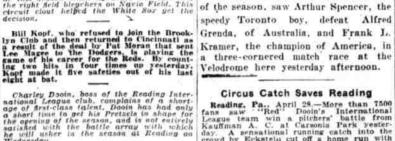
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ARTHUR SPENCER SCORES

Surprises Grenda and Kramer in

Bike Races Newark, April 28 .- More than 14,000 bicycle fans, the largest crowd of the season, saw Arthur Spencer, the speedy Toronto boy, defeat Alfred

Circus Catch Saves Reading Reading, Pa., April 28.—More than 7500 fans saw "Red" Dooin's International League team win a plitchers' battle from Kaufman A. C. at Carsonia Park yesterday. A sensational running catch into the crowd by Eckstein cut off a home run with the bases filled. Habe Ruth missed getting a homer yester-day against Washington, but he contributed three of the eight rush toward the Boston victory. Sunday's home-run artists in the fast set were ole Jackson, of the White Sox, and Flack, of the Cubs.

Another Win for Bethlehem New York, April 28.—The Bethlehem foot-heil club made its last appearance of the season here yesterday by defeating the Robins drydock team in an exhibition game by the score of 2 to 0.

Standing of Bowling