

CONNIE'S ATHLETICS ARE NAUTICAL CHAMPIONS—THEY KNOCKED WINNING RUNS OFF SHORE

CY WILLIAMS LEADS SLUGGERS WITH .765 AVERAGE FOR WEEK

Elongated Outfielder Connects With 13 Hits Out of 17 Trips to the Plate Because He is Not Trifling With Southpaws This Season

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ALL the world loves a slugger, whether it is in the prize ring, the baseball field, machine shop or soap factory. The guy who steps up and knocks 'em dead always gets a big hand, because the dear old public loves to gaze upon high-class exhibitions of brawny prowess.

Thus we have with us today Fred Williams, who is built along the graceful lines of a healthy string bean, runs with the grace of a clothes-horse but the speed of an antelope, a certain but awkward fielder, but a real, honest-to-goodness wallop artist.

The lengthy landowner of Three Lakes, Wis., started out on a slugging spree last Wednesday, when the Phils made the opening game of the season a success for the Giants, and is still at it.

YESTERDAY Fred proved he possessed an unusually keen and uncanny batting eye when in the first inning, with Cadore pitching, he cased a single into left field.

Manager Jawn Solved the Williams Problem JAWN COOMBS, the intrepid manager, who benched himself yesterday when he perpetrated an ivory error on the coaching lines, is partly responsible for Fred's soaking spurt.

What's the matter with Cy? he asked one night. He should be a great hitter, but one cannot prove it by the annual averages. Every time I pitched against him I felt he would knock the ball into the next county, but when I looked over the box scores after he left I saw he would hit well one day and do nothing the next.

Keep him away from all left-handers," remarked one of the wise veterans. "Cy performs against those southpaws like a sardine walking a tight-rope.

Now Coombs does not have to be under a building to prove it fell on him. He can dope things out for himself, and immediately decided to chase Cy out of the ball park every time a left-hander appeared on the firing line.

The experiment has been highly successful. With nothing to worry about Cy made his debut in the opening brawl and connected with four singles—to right field—out of five voyages to the rubber.

WILLIAMS now has been accepted by the fans. He did not stand so well last year when he came here to succeed Dode Paskert, but as long as he picks the pill he can carry a cane and still retain his social standing with the real critics in the bleachers.

Our Phils Place the Skids Under Brooklyn FRED and his playmates frolicked all over the visitors from Brooklyn yesterday and gleefully put the first blot on the 1919 season, or whatever it was.

STILL, the Dodgers had to lose some time, and the Phils might as well get the credit of stopping them first. In the meantime, Pat Moran's Cincinnati schisms have copied six straight and lead the league without a dissenting vote.

All Trained Up, With No Place to Fight TEX RICKARD lost the decision on points in his attempt to stage the Willard-Dempsey battle in Cumberland, Md.

NEXT Sunday, May 4, is the day Rickard is to name the place where the championship battle is to be staged on July 1.

SUNDAY baseball has been accepted by the Aldermen in New York city, and the first game will be played on the Polo Grounds this coming Sabbath.

WANTS to Run at Sixty-four New York, April 30.—James Shanley, a sixty-four-year-old farmer, has submitted a name for the annual Bronx-to-City road race, which will be held May 18.

AIN'T IT A GRAND AND GLORIOUS FEELIN'?



PRAISE FOR THE NAME OF PING, WHOSE AIM IS TO BREAK FENCES

Lines That Run, "Ping Busted One," Mean More to the Slugging Outfielder of the Yankees Than Peace to Europe

IN THE SPOTLIGHT—BY GRANTLAND RICE (Copyright, 1919, all rights reserved)

Sons of Swat Your pardon Ping if I should sing Your fame with lack of moderation; For who am I to modify An inexpressible elation?

Without pretense, to you the Fence Is quite enough for one ambition; And your desire is but to fire A round of four-base ammunition;

I love the gent with fell intent Who takes each scallop as a bounty; Who yearns to maul the foolish ball And lift it clear beyond the county;

LEAVING the training camp area one morning we ran into our old college chum Bob Gilkes, the justly celebrated scout, now sequestering down in a certain neck of the woods.

"SAY, Buddy, where'll this path take us?" "I'll take you to my daddy's still," was the reply, "BUT IT WON'T BRING YOU BACK."

IN NAMING those seven American League stars," asks R. R. F., "what's the matter with Scott Perry, who won twenty-one games last year with Connie Mack's tall-enders?"

CHAUNCEY M. DEPEW has attended 3257 banquets,"—News item. This is undoubtedly a world's record. The average system begins to revolt at the 1000th banquet and is in a state of utter collapse at the 1200th.

THE peach crop was jolted a couple of times this spring, but the California tennis crop is reported to be in excellent shape. A number of promising youngsters from this state are said to be after Vincent Richards, an indication that considerable fur will fly in the August melee.

IT'S a cinch, anyway, that after this Peace Conference is over President Wilson will never run an umpire. He understands at last what that worthy is up against in the way of regular trouble.

"GOLE," says an exchange, "is over 50 per cent a matter of putting." Not if you are slicing your drives and topping your iron shots around a well-trapped course.

M. H.—Cobb's lowest mark was .324, in 1908. His top mark was .420, in 1911. His fourteen-year average is around .369.

F. K. J.—You win. Chase was playing ball for New York at least four months before Cobb joined Detroit, although both arrived in 1905.

YOU can lead a horse to water—and he'll have to drink it after July 1.

CHRIST CHURCH IS READY FOR OPENER

Manager Eddie Piercey Has Secured Fast Club to Represent Logan Nine

S. P. H. A. HAS A TEAM

Baseball in Logan will get a flying start on Saturday afternoon when the Christ Church Athletic Association will inaugurate the season on its grounds at Tenth and Butler streets with the Philadelphia Professionals as the attraction.

Manager Piercey has rounded together a fast club, many of last year's players having returned from military duty. Among these are Bill Magee, who enlisted in the marines, and L. Fleck, the hard-hitting catcher, who will again be seen behind the plate.

The South Philadelphia Hebrew Association has decided to place a first-class semi-professional team in the field. "Dick" Williams, formerly of Southwark F. C., is manager, and has a wealth of material from which to pick a first class nine.

Numbered among them are Kravitz, Chester Ship; "Chick" Passon, Goldblatt, Becker, Smith & Page; Celian, formerly of the Tristate League; Goldberg, Southwark F. C.; Wainman, Towanda; Candy, Habelbank and Schreff, of the University of Pennsylvania; Bunin, Abrams and Sigel, of the Three-I League, and Klein, of Camden A. C.

HARVARD CREW SHIFTED

Wendell Davis Moved From Seven to No. Three

Cambridge, Mass., April 30.—Coach William Haines replaced Captain Whitman at No. 4 in the Harvard varsity crew yesterday afternoon, receiving an opportunity to size up his charges and to evaluate faculty rowing on the part of the Crimson sweeps.

Sherman Damon will row bow instead of seven, Wendell Davis moving from seven to three, replacing John Linder, who was slated for seven.

Jersey Tennis League Formed

East Orange, April 30.—Six clubs will comprise the New Jersey Tennis Association. They are Montclair A. C., Essex County Country Club, Orange Lawn Tennis Club, Glenwood Tennis Club, Plainfield Country Club and Elizabeth Town and Country Club.

RAY GREATEST MILER IN TRACK HISTORY

Ted Meredith Believes Illinois A. C. Athlete is Capable of Running Four Quarters in Four Minutes Ten Seconds—Better Than Taber

By TED MEREDITH (World's Greatest Middle Distance Runner)

JOIE RAY, the wonderful little runner from the Illinois A. C., has won nearly every big race in which he has started since 1915, yet until recently I considered him a champion in hard-luck circles.

To my mind, Ray is the greatest miler of all time. I never had seen a man who could compare with the little westerner in speed, form, headwork and stamina. Ray is so good that if Norman Taber can run a mile in 4:12 3/5, the world's record, then Joie can do 4:10. He is a few seconds better than the best.

My reason for saying Ray was a hard-luck runner is that he never has had a race where he has had a field good enough to push him and at the same time had the conditions just right. Consequently Ray has no outdoor record that will make him stand out in the books in after years as the great miler he is.

Ray first came into national prominence in 1915 at the A. A. U. championships, which were held that year in conjunction with the Panama-Pacific Exposition in San Francisco. At that time he beat some of America's greatest milers, but he never was given the credit he deserved. There was a strong wind the day of the race and most of those who saw the event figured that Ray's victory was a freak.

Norman Taber had just established his world's record, which he set up with the aid of a strong wind, and he was the favorite for the event. It was believed that the only other man capable of beating the former Oxford runner was Kiviat. Ray was figured among the leaders.

Victory Discounted Ray showed his heels to both the stars, but the time was slow because of the weather and his victory was discounted, discounted because of the

GEORGE M'LAREN TO COACH KANSAS

Former Pitt Star to Handle Football, Baseball and Track Squads

STARTS WORK NEXT FALL

Pittsburgh, Pa., April 30.—George M'Laren, University of Pittsburgh's All-American fullback and captain of the Panther eleven last year, has accepted a position as coach of football, basketball and track at the Kansas State Normal College, Emporia, Kan., and next fall will assume his duties.

M'Laren is the second Pitt man to land a good coaching position, as Dr. J. B. (Jock) Sutherland, famous guard of the 1917 team under Warner, has been made head coach of the Lafayette College team.

NATIONAL LEAGUE PARK PHILLIES vs. BROOKLYN GAME STARTS THURSDAY, MAY 1. Neil Cogan vs. Harlem Eddie Kelly 4 OTHER BOUTS. PRICES 50c, 75c, \$1. RACES TODAY AT HAVRE DE GRACE 7 RACES DAILY, including a Steeplechase Special Pennsylvania Railroad Train Leaves 12:54 P. M. West Phila., 12:33 P. M. Direct to Course. ADMISSION—GRANDSTAND & Paddock, \$1.25; Ladies, \$1.10—Including War Tax. FIRST RACE AT 2:30 P. M.

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