

"BEAT 'EM TO THE WIRE" IS THE SLOGAN OF EVERY STARTER AT HAVRE DE GRACE MEETING

BILLY KELLY FOUND AMONG COMEBACKS OF RACING SEASONS

Last Year's Brilliant Two-Year-Old Surprises Sir Barton in Six Furlongs Event at Havre de Grace Opening. The Exterminator Exterminated by The Porter

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BILLY KELLY came back to Havre de Grace yesterday and brought much joy and some kudos to the talent at the well known race track. The son of Dick Wells stepped out in the third race and captured the Hip-Hip-Hooray purse, which consisted of \$4115, in a canter on walk or whatever they call it. Kelly trimmed his running mate, Sir Barton, in the six furlong dash on a muddy track, which proved to be a good surfer and a real horse, while Sir Barton is not a scintillating star in short distance events.

This was not the feature event of the opening day program, but it attracted most attention. The crowd, which numbered about 7,000, played the Ross entry almost off the banks and the winners received five cents for every dollar they wagered. All of which goes to show that once again a lot of money is being made in the game of horse racing. Risking a smidgen to capture a dime is about the proper margin of profit and loss. Kelly took the lead at the start and was well ahead of Sir Barton all the way.

The big race, however, known as the United County Handicap, with \$5,000 added to make the victory happy, was one of those upset things. The loyal order of dogstayers marveled at the Exterminator, because he seemed to be the only real horse in the race. As a result the madhouse, filled with merry and extra tickets had to be issued to the gentlemen who wager on sure things. Exterminator got off to a small start, took the lead, held it as long as it did him no good and in the stretch The Porter stepped forward and won. He paid \$12, which did not mean anything to a big majority of the spectators. Exterminator was second and Shipley Elm shared in third.

Handicap won the most interesting and satisfying race of the day when he annexed the fifth event, which had no name or anything. Taking the lead at the start, he held it for one mile and seventy yards, leaving under the wire an easy winner. The result never was in doubt, and it was like sitting in the rocking chair on the front porch waiting to be called to dinner. Queen of the Sea was the second choice, but Sande put up an extremely fine ride and was nosed out for the place by Hank O'Day, who is said to have been trained after an umpire who bears the same moniker.

CHARLIE WEINMULLER, the local devotee of the turf, visited Cecil Hill to see the stepchildren, and Charley was right. They have had back until the last horses, when he opened and grabbed easily. The opening day was very successful at the track and it looks as if it would be a high class one here.

Odds Shift to Reds on Long Series

THE Cincinnati Reds, to put it mildly, are delighted at the change made in the annual classic from seven games to nine. They think this change gives them almost a mortgage on the home and that it spells the doom of American League supremacy. Over the shorter route, so they assert, a club with two star pitchers would have a marked advantage against any adversary. Over the longer distance, a club which has several classy pitchers can outlast the club that has only two.

Back in 1903, it will be remembered, the arrangements of the series called for "winner of the first five" to be crowned champions. Pittsburgh, short on pitchers, but full of speed at the start, crushed the Red Sox, and had it been a seven-game set might have so discouraged the Boston men that they would have fallen easy victims. But the Red Sox, more numerous equipped with pitchers, came back, tired out the Pirate staff and won five games to three, after Pittsburgh had seemed a certain conqueror. So, the Reds reason, it will be the same this time—the club with the greater number of good pitchers will win sure.

The Reds, of course, aren't a bit sorry to share in the proceeds of five games instead of four, but think the fans of both cities will be delighted with the change and the chance to see more of the mighty batters.

"I was ready to take the change, seven games or nine," remarked Pat Moran yesterday in Cincinnati, "because we have the club to win with, but a longer series looks fairer for the fans. Lots of fellows who could see only one game formerly can get off work long enough to see two, and many a good lad who might not have been able to see any games at all will now find his way to at least a single tussle."

THE effect of the change was manifested at once in all places where any betting is being done. All visible odds were shifted. A few enthusiasts who had been offering 6 to 5 on the Sox withdrew all offers, and fans who had been betting even money on the Reds made it 10 to 9 on Moran's men, with few takers.

Reds and White Sox Well in Front

THE pennant races in the National and American Leagues are likely to be decided by the end of next week. Both Cincinnati and the White Sox have commanding leads and it's a 100 to 1 shot they never will be headed. However, to help the argument along, let's drag in a few figures.

This morning the Reds have 27 victories registered in the won and lost column against 40 defeats. That means they have played 127 games, with only 13 to go. New York stands 78 and 46, with 16 battles still to be fought. If Cincinnati takes seven of the remaining games the Giants will have to win sixteen straight to tie them. This is hardly possible, because the Moraines will finish at home while McGraw's athletes are fighting on alien soil. If the Gothamites drop three or four games the staff is off.

Now for the American League. Yesterday the White Sox split with Washington and have 81 victories against 45 defeats. They have 14 games to play against our A's, New York, Boston and Detroit. All they have to do is win half of those, while Cleveland, with an official standing of 73 and 52, will have to win the remaining 13 conflicts to tie. This, too, is almost an impossibility, because the Indians will be up against some stiff opposition from now on. Therefore, the Sox and Reds will be forced to engage in a nine-game series to see which team gets the most money.

While no definite arrangements have yet been made, it looks as if the opening tilt will be put on about October 1. The week after next, after everything has been settled and the pennant races decided, the clubs probably will play a few double-headers and end the season a couple of days ahead of time. This will allow the players to rest up for the big event.

An effort will be made to start the series soon as possible, because October is a very uncertain month out here. Snowstorms are not at all uncommon, and if the clubs run into inclement weather no one knows when the championship will be decided. For that reason it's a cinch the big noise will start about two weeks from Wednesday.

KID GLEASON and his White Sox will be here today to engage in a deadly combat with our new upholstered A's in a three-game series. Connie himself will introduce some more new talent, having bamboozled Detroit out of the last series, copping two games out of three.

Motor-Paced Racing at Season's End

THERE will be no more motorcycle races at the Velodrome this season. Last night, when a healthy rainstorm butted in, Johnny Chapman, manager of the Point Breeze drome, announced that everything was off for the season of 1919, and the fans will have to wait until next year to have a look at their favorite riders.

Motor-paced riding has been highly successful this year. The new track, which was reduced to one-sixth of a mile, gave the spectators more of a chance to see the riders and made the events more interesting. Big crowds journeyed to the park every Thursday and Saturday night and liked it so well that they always came back. The sport now is firmly established in Philadelphia and next year should be a banner one. All of the leading motor-paced and sprint riders in the country will appear.

CLARENCE CARMAN did the best work on the local track, but was closely pressed by George Chapman, Vincent Madonna and Wiley.

TOMMY WALSH, the bustling manager of Joe Burman, tried to put in the Turman-Lynch bout at the Olympia next Monday night, but failed because Lynch is boxing on Tuesday and Friday of next week. However, he closed with Harry Edwards to stage the match on September 29. This should be one of the best bantam brawls of the year.

HERE is some scandal in Cincinnati. It isn't Heinie Groh who plays third base for the Reds. He is sitting under an assumed name, and some of his cousins in Cincinnati are ready to prove it. His real name is spelled "Gronny" and he is said to be as much of a Frenchman as Lajolo and Marquis. The scandal was first called to light by a local reporter.

IT HAPPENS IN THE BEST REGULATED FAMILIES



MANY IMPORTANT GAMES SCHEDULED

Titles Are at Stake in Little League Games Booked for Tomorrow

RACES DECIDEDLY CLOSE

The remaining Saturdays will see the championships of the numerous little leagues in Philadelphia and vicinity decided. Many important contests are on the schedule for tomorrow afternoon. Souderton has a chance to annex the championship of the Montgomery county circuit. They have a two-game advantage over Ambler at present, and a win at the expense of Norristown will assure Souderton the gofoulon. The game will be played on the leader's own field.

The championship of the Delaware River League may be tied tomorrow when Bash plays De Laval, the only game on the schedule for the day. Harber now has a half-game advantage, but has completed his schedule, and a win for Bash will cause a tie and necessitate a play-off series.

Main Lines to Clash

The opening clash between 1 & 3, Dobson and Lansdowne, winners of the Main Line series, will get under way. The first contest will be played on the grounds of the Dobson team. The second half of the Main Line Amateur League is also tied up at present, with Berwyn and St. Denis each having won 8 and lost 2. The one that is fortunate to get the decision in which the Illinois A. C. is assigned. Whether he does or does not will be thrashed out this evening. Thompson, on the other hand is a student at Dartmouth College nine months in the year, but his home is somewhere out in the Pacific coast. Whether he is assigned to represent the Boston A. A. will be settled tonight also.

Other Stars Implicated

The outcome of the meeting this evening will have an important bearing on the fight for team honors in the section games tomorrow afternoon. If Simpson and Thompson are ruled ineligible to compete for their respective clubs then both will be weakened and the smaller clubs will be able to step in and take the points which they would have gone to Illinois and Boston A. A. These clubs are several other athletes in addition to Simpson and Thompson, whose status will be settled tonight.

Industrials Busy

What may prove the deciding contests in the Manufacturers' League will be played tomorrow afternoon. The big clashes are Stokes & Smith at Belmont, Miles and Wooster at U. H. I. in a double bill. One of these games was protested a few weeks ago after U. G. I. had won, and they should draw a big throng. The gasmakers were eliminated as a contender last Saturday, and they in turn may knock out Wheeler, who still has a fine opportunity to land the title.

A close race also is being staged in the Northeast Manufacturers' League. Schwarz Wheel holds the advantage over Diston and Fitter by a single game, but as the first division contest was drawn easy opponents of the second section tomorrow there may be no developments until the finals on September 20. Tomorrow's layout reads: Arsenal at Diston, Fitter at Abrasive, Plumb at North Brothers.

Olympia A. A. Harry Edwards Manager BROAD AND BAINBRIDGE STREETS MONDAY EVENING, SEPT. 15 Bob Burman vs. Young Buck Fleming Bobby Doyle vs. Little Bear Battling Leonard vs. Joe Dorsey Young McGovern vs. Young Montreal Billy Bevans vs. Joe Burman Admission 50c, Res. 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00

National Track and Field Championships, A. A. U. GREATEST GATHERING OF WORLD'S CHAMPION ATHLETES ON RECORD Franklin Field, 33d and Locust Sts. Today and Saturday, 2:30 P. M. Tickets on sale at Gimbel Bros., Spaulding's & Wannamaker's Sporting Goods Store. Reserved seats, \$1.10. General Admission, 50c. See Jule Ray, Bob Simpson, Frank Fox, etc., in action.

Shibe Park Today, 3:30 P. M. Athletics vs. Chicago

PALACE RINK 20th & Market Sts. Skating All & Ev.

DISTRICT RULE MAY BAR STARS FROM A. A. U. MEET

Status of Bob Simpson and Earl Thompson to Be Decided at Special Meeting Tonight

WOULD WEAKEN CLUBS

THERE will be an important meeting of the championship committee of the American Athletic Union this evening at 8 o'clock in the Hotel Adelphi, at which time the status of several of the leading athletes entered in the annual senior championship games tomorrow on Franklin Field will be determined. The meeting has been called due to a misunderstanding of several of the clubs over the new district rule. The formation of several new districts in the A. A. U. within the past year has caused the confusion. According to the calling of the championship committee an athlete cannot represent a club unless he dwells in the district to which his club belongs.

May Affect Simpson

The Illinois A. A. and the Boston Athletic Club both have entered athletes who, according to a strict interpretation of this rule, will be barred from competing for the above organization. The athletes in question are Bob Simpson, holder of the world's high hurdle record, who is entered from the Illinois A. A., and Earl Thompson, present national hurdle champion, who is scheduled to compete for the Boston A. A.

Simpson, according to some of the officials, doesn't live in the district to which the Illinois A. C. is assigned. Whether he does or does not will be thrashed out this evening. Thompson, on the other hand is a student at Dartmouth College nine months in the year, but his home is somewhere out in the Pacific coast. Whether he is assigned to represent the Boston A. A. will be settled tonight also.

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BOB SIMPSON

A. A. U. BARS ATHLETES

"Pete" Maxfield and Amlof Ruled Ineligible for Junior Championship

At a meeting of the registration committee of the A. A. U. last night at the Hotel Adelphi Eric Amlof, a Swedish athlete, was barred from competing today in the junior games. He was entered in the hop, step and jump from the New York A. C., but won the Swedish championship in that event in 1918.

Pete Maxfield, former Dartmouth and Lafayette weight thrower, will not be allowed to represent Mendoc Brook in the junior events, as he won the junior national indoor shotput in 1916. At that time he represented Dartmouth. C. E. Paulson, entered in the hurdles by the Pittsburgh A. A., is on the books. The registration committee was sure if it was the same Paulson who won the middle states collegiate hurdles in 1917, and if it can prove before this afternoon that he is the same athlete, he will be barred. Pittsburgh A. A. and Chicago A. C. have each entered C. E. Borch, a poleaulter. He can only represent one club.

NUMBER SYSTEM IN EASTERN CIRCUIT

Poth's Plan for North Phila. Americans Big Boon to Cage Fans

JIMMY BROWN CAPTAIN

Basketball fans will have the privilege of knowing who they are watching in the cage during the coming season, especially at one club, according to an announcement by Frank Poth, manager of the North Philadelphia Americans, the new local team in the Eastern League. The plot of the Broad street aggregation will have the players numbered and programs will inform the spectators at a glance just who they are watching in the cage.

The occasion was the assembling of a dozen or more players and as many friends at a get-together dinner at the Hotel Walton last night. Numerous speeches were made by leaders and players in the cage world and the spirit of optimism prevailed throughout. The officers of the team were announced as follows: Manager, Frank Poth; assistant manager, James Coffey; secretary, Herbert W. Crowhurst; ticket collector, Al Solomon; trainer, Jack Hagan.

—OPENING SHOW—

NATIONAL A. A. SAT. EVENING SEPT. 13, 1919 White, Fitzgerald vs. Alton, Dundee R. A. White, Hannon vs. Louisiana Pater, Wallace vs. Johnny Hoff

Terry Martin vs. Frankie Brown Tickets at Donaghy's, 33 S. 11th st.

CAMBRIA A. C.—BURNS & FEENEY, MRS. Kensington, Sept. 12, 1919. FREDDY EVENING, SEPT. 12TH JACK WARD vs. EDDIE McANDREWS FOUR OTHER STAR BOUTS

LONG SERIES LIKELY TO LESSEN INTEREST IN DIAMOND CLASSIC

Falling Off in Attendance at Eighth Game in 1912 Proves That Original Motto, "A Short Strife, but a Merry One," Was Right

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THE motto of the world series was conceived to be "A short strife—but a merry one." A nine-game world series is going to be neither short nor merry. For in a world series both players and spectators become keyed up to the highest possible pitch—you might say a wild pitch—and when the series is dragged out beyond the nerve endurance of all concerned it quickly goes "blooie." You may still recall the details of 1912, when it took the Giants and Red Sox eight games to decide the issue. Did the eighth game draw an enormous outpouring of the fanatically inclined, who were there to rave over the deciding contest? Not by an awful lot of pail admissions. There were only some 17,000 present, where the seating capacity was around 30,000. Briefly, the park was about half filled.

THE keyed-up fan had got his fill around the seventh game, and at that point decided to go back to work again and absorb the results from the sporting pages.

And "Competitive Souls"

"DON'T you think," queries a Pittsburgh sportsman, "that the name of Dave Herron should be added to the list of Competitive Souls?" Beyond the faint glimmer of a doubt, Herron's exhibition of nerve control in his final match was a masterpiece of cool and unflinching serenity—of quiet and determined confidence. His ability to finish a week of fine golf with the finest round played by any one in the field on the edge of championship honors lifts him high in the list. He was the coolest and calmest first occasion victor that we have ever seen arrive at the top. And he is the only amateur champion we have ever known who would also have landed the title if the result had been determined by medal play in place of match.

Not Like This One

BASEBALL has known a number of highly prosperous not to say banner years before, but none like the one now drifting on through the September lull to an early finish.

Nineteen hundred and nineteen draws the purple plum. When ball clubs well out of the pennant race can entice from 25,000 to 28,000 of the populace out merely to view the pastime bereft of any ulterior flag motives all other years must drop behind. In other years a September battle between two clubs hopelessly adrift was lucky to draw forth as many as 5000 moody sightseers.

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